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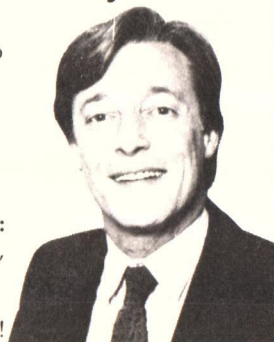
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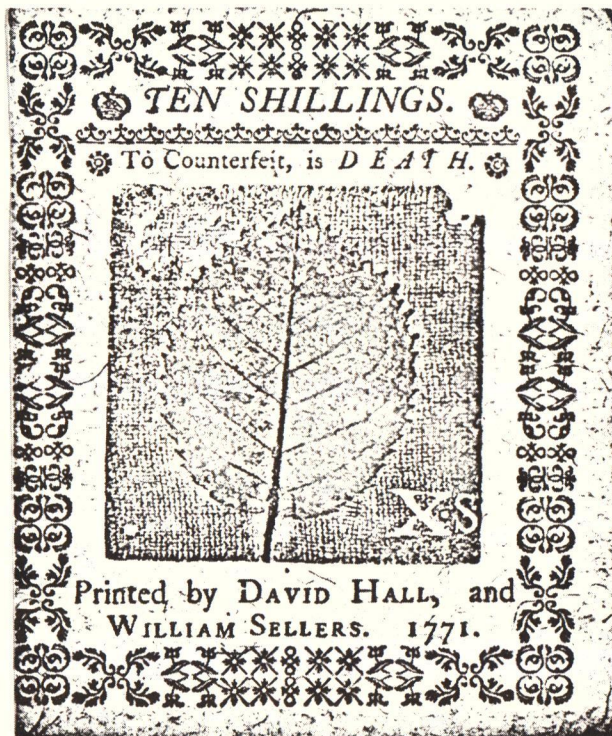
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This \$10 note issued by the Colony of Pennsylvania was authorized for the defense of Philadelphia, but ultimately was used to enhance funding measures for paving the city's streets. Notes bearing the signature of Francis Hopkinson, a man remembered for his literary, musical and artistic endeavors, as well as for signing the Declaration of Independence, are worth three times more than notes without it (page 1776).



COVER

With the 500th anniversary of Columbus' discovery of the New World looming on the horizon, collectors are anticipating the release of a number of commemorative numismatic items. This month's cover design was adapted from the title page of *Voyages & Glorieuses Découvertes des Grands Navigateurs & Explorateurs Français*, a 1921 book published in France and colorfully illustrated by Edy Legrand (page 1768).

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Howard Turner takes a look at collecting national commemorative medals struck by the U.S. Mint. This piece, #32 in Turner's list, marks the centennial of the American Fisheries Society. U.S. Mint Engravers Edgar Steever and P.E. Fowler created the obverse and reverse, respectively (page 1788).

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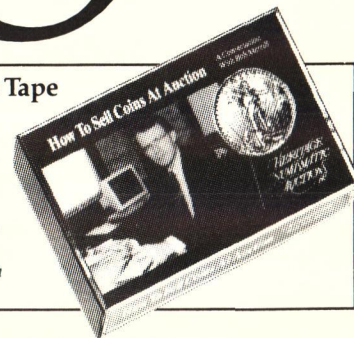
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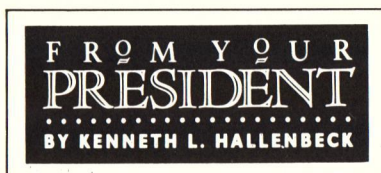
RON GILLIO'S HONG Kong coin show, officially sanctioned by the ANA, was a fine success. I was pleased to be able to attend the show and to help represent the Association. Executive Director Bob Leuver, Treasurer Adna Wilde and their families were also in attendance. It was quite a long flight from Colorado Springs to Hong Kong, via Denver, San Francisco and Honolulu. But for whatever reason, my body was "in sync" and I had no trouble with jet lag. Coming home was another story.

Ron Gillio held a press conference the day after our arrival, with plenty of local and some international press present. I met Joe Hartman of Unico, a large producer of philatelic-numismatic material, and 78-year-old Henry Ladoux of Naples, Florida, at the press conference. We later met, had lunch, and toured Hong Kong harbor by boat.

The next day we took a hydrofoil to Macao. That evening there was a coin show banquet in the Hong Kong convention center. It was a 10-course Chinese meal, chopsticks and all. I made up my mind that I would use those things or starve trying. Thereafter, at each restaurant we dined in, I purchased or was given a pair of chopsticks. I think I have some 30 or 35 pairs now. They're really quite interesting.

The coin show was very similar to U.S. shows in certain respects, but quite different in many others. Most notable to me was the obvious "foreign" influence of having so many dealers from all over the world. Those

of you who seriously collect world coins, paper money or medals, or who deal in this material to a significant



degree would be wise to seriously consider attending one of the major foreign coin shows.

The ferry to and from Kowloon cost one Hong Kong dollar (US12½ cents) and was fun to ride. It ran frequently—about every 10 to 15 minutes—and I felt safe, never threatened. There were plenty of souvenir and clothing bargains to be had in the shops of Kowloon.

Fourteen of us ventured into the People's Republic of China for a post-convention tour of Beijing and Shanghai. I had some trepidation about taking this trip, but it turned out very well and was most educational. We did many of the usual tourist things—tours of the Great Wall, Ming Tombs, Forbidden City, Summer Palace and Temple of Heaven. However, there were special activities, too, such as a banquet with Madam Chou, vice chairman of the Central Bank of China, the equivalent of our Federal Reserve.

In Shanghai, we visited the mint, which was pleasantly clean and amazingly noise-free. The mint staff was most pleasant and gracious. While on the tour, I was able to examine a great mint error of an aluminum 5-fen coin, but the mint wouldn't let it leave the premises anymore than our mint would in a similar situation.

We headed back to our hotel, but Adna Wilde, Henry Ladoux and I wanted to go to the Bank of China in Shanghai to try to get some coins. So we left the group and took a cab with our interpreter. I've never had a scarier cab ride in my whole life!

Deep in the basement of the bank, under the stairs, was the numismatic section. Nobody spoke English, but our guide, Bajan Chang of Hong Kong, was invaluable. We acquired some coins and, in the ensuing conversation, found that the three people working in the numismatic section were all members of the Shanghai Numismatic Society! Through our interpreter we were able to chat a bit and exchange calling cards.

It was a wonderful, impromptu meeting of fellow numismatists, devoid of politics. This alone made the trip to the People's Republic of China worthwhile. And we may just have convinced our guide to become a numismatist!

A resident of Colorado Springs, Ken Hallenbeck has been a member of the American Numismatic Association for 40 years. He is an avid collector, with an intense interest in credit cards, counterstamped coins, love tokens, elongateds, wooden nickels, exonomia, stock certificates, bonds, police and sheriff badges and patches, modern English coins, and numismatics of Central America and the Baltic States. Together with his son, Tom, he operates Ken Hallenbeck Coin Gallery, not far from ANA headquarters.



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LETTERS

The End of an Era

The recent passing of A. J. Vinci marks the end of an era. As one of the leaders of the Central Florida Coin Club, A. J. worked tirelessly as bourse chairman of the club's semiannual coin shows for many years, where he earned the respect of collectors and dealers alike.

For the better part of a decade, I was privileged to serve with A. J. on the board of the Florida United Numismatists, for which he served as registration chairman of the annual FUN conventions. What a worker he was!

For all of his outstanding achievements, A. J. Vinci received [Krause Publications'] Numismatic Ambassa-

dor Award at the 1988 FUN convention, an award that was well earned and richly deserved.

May his "can do" attitude serve as an inspiration to all of us who believe that through hard work and dedication you, the individual, can make a difference! We will sorely miss A. J. Vinci, a true giant in Florida numismatics.

Randy Campbell, LM 3031
President, FUN

Assyrians a Maligned People

I read with interest the article "The Origin and Development of a Greco-Persian Numismatic Motif" by Dr. Richard H. Wilkinson (June 1989, p. 887). The article points out that Sennacherib, King of the Assyrians, points the bow away from the cap-

tives at Lachish. This proves that the ancient Assyrians (later called Samaritans, Galileans, etc.) were not cruel kings, but used the instruments of war (bows and arrows) as tokens of their regency.

When the bow is pointed toward the captive it is used as an instrument of healing. The Assyrian kings not only held titles of monarch but were masters in the art of healing. Therefore, the Assyrian king personally heals the captive with his crozier, and does not use it as an instrument for pulling out teeth or eyes, as some Western historians surmise.

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spread to Greece and Rome. Western scholars stop at Greece and use the King James translation as the original version of the Bible; the Latins use the Douay. No mention is made of the Peshitta Bible translated from Aramaic, the language of Christ, by the Assyrian scholar Dr. George M. Lamsa.

Again, congratulations to Wilkinson for his observation of the origin of the Greco-Persian coin from Assyrian sources.

Francis E. Hoyen Jr.

Decimal Changeover Still Not Complete

Having recently moved to the United Kingdom, I read with particular interest R. Bruce Korver's "Great Britain Goes Decimal" in the July and August 1989 issues of *The Numismatist*. Lest

the members of our society get the impression that this transition (18 years after the fact) is "complete," allow me to humbly note that encountering pre-decimal coinage in one's change is a common occurrence. This is particularly true when it comes to the shilling, which shares its value with the 5 "new pence" coin.

After reading the article, I performed an experiment, albeit an unscientific one. Sorting through a random 5-pound bag of 5-pence coins obtained at a local bank, I encountered an assortment consistent with my experiences in receiving change at English establishments.

No less than 39 of the 100 coins were of shilling denomination. (These could be subdivided into two categories: 13 coins of George VI, who ruled 1936-52, and 26 of Elizabeth II,

his successor, who is the current monarch.) Doubtless [such statistics depend upon] a number of factors (including geographical location, etc.), but it is intriguing that a random sampling reveals that nearly 40 percent of the coins valued at 5 pence are of the "replaced shilling" variety.

Keep up the excellent work with our journal. It is always both entertaining and educational, especially in light of the wide range of subjects it presents.

Robert C. Stroud, ANA 142325

Seeing Coins through Plastic Sunglasses

Just the other day, in a conversation with a new acquaintance, the subject of numismatics arose. And, in the course of describing the business, "then" vs. "now," the term "slab" came up and demanded explanation.



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This being done, the other party commented, "Kind of removes the romance of the coin, doesn't it? It would seem like viewing Monet's *Water Lilies* through sunglasses." To which I replied, in complete honesty and sincerity, "Yeah! The thrill is gone."

"But wait," I thought, envisioning the future. "I've got one SBA here in Proof Plastic! And it's just \$1,000."

I could only hope that P.T. Barnum was right.

Mark Stockton, ANA 99087

Members Who Feel Cheated Have Themselves to Blame

I want to thank the entire ANA staff for the hospitality extended to me and the other students at the [recent] Summer Seminar [in Colorado Springs].

The coin photography class I enrolled in was very educational and helpful to me. Tammy, Mike, Gail and Astrid —[the photography department staff]—are all quite knowledgeable and really enjoy their work, which is important.

It's a shame that the ANA gets so much negative press. I've always felt that I get my money's worth by receiving *The Numismatist* on a monthly basis. After having visited headquarters in July, I am now convinced that any member who feels cheated has only himself to blame.

Like any other organization, the ANA can only provide an opportunity for its members to gain knowledge. Those choosing not to take advantage [of this opportunity] are the losers.

Mark Wieclaw, ANA 107783

Teddy Sworn in at 42

In regard to the captioned picture of J.F. Kennedy in the June 1989 issue of *The Numismatist* (p. 851), which states that Kennedy was the youngest president, this is not accurate. Theodore Roosevelt was 42 when he became president; Kennedy was 43, which gives Teddy that distinction. I am sure this was an oversight.

I very much enjoy being a member of the ANA. *The Numismatist* has no equal.

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Editor's Note: Though Theodore Roosevelt became the nation's youngest president when William McKinley was assassinated, John F. Kennedy was the youngest person to be *elected* president of the United States. •

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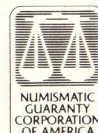
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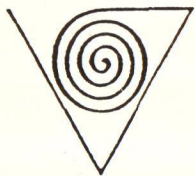
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Gold Coin Set Recalls "Hoggies"

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and bear designs adapted from 17th-century Bermuda "Hogge" money.

The Hogge money, or "Hoggies," featured a porcine creature on the obverse and a ship on the reverse. Most authorities agree that the hog refers to the black hog, left on the islands by the Spanish expedition of Juan de Bermudez in a failed attempt at colonization in the early 16th century. The animals bred prolifically and provided a ready food supply for Sir George Somers' party of British colonists who were shipwrecked while en route to Virginia. It is not certain whether the ship on the reverse of Hogge money is Somers' *Sea Venture*.

Coins in the 1989 Bermuda Hogge collection have milled edges and share a common obverse bearing the couped portrait of Queen Elizabeth II by Raphael Maklouf. The reverses were



A-Laina J. Trott, an assistant with the Currency Bureau of the Bermuda Monetary Authority, displays a 1989 Bermuda gold proof set, which was introduced to collectors at a press conference held on Wednesday, August 9, at the ANA convention in Pittsburgh.

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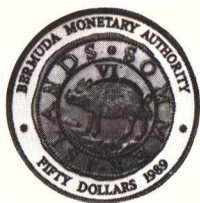


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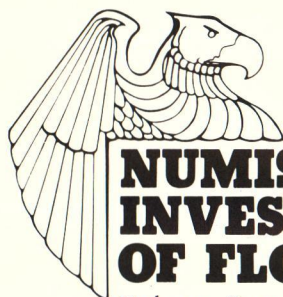
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Indeed, this attitude pervades her work, which is at once numismatic, artistic and commemorative. Somogyi's medals, many commissioned by the

Judah L. Magnes Memorial Museum in Berkeley, California, have honored Sherlock Holmes, Marc Chagall, Johann Sebastian Bach, David Ben-Gurion and Eleanor Roosevelt. In mid-1980 the Statue of Liberty Centennial Commission accepted her designs for an official centennial medal, praising her work for its "dynamic, unconventional, high level of creativity."

For her contributions to the world of art and numismatics, Marika Somogyi was presented the American Numismatic Association Numismatic Art Award for Excellence in Medallic Sculpture at the ANA's 98th Anniversary Convention in Pittsburgh. She joins the ranks of other notable medallic sculptors, among them Paul Vincze, the first recipient of the award in 1966; Gilroy Roberts; Frank Gasparro; Elizabeth Jones; Gertrude Lathrop;



Marika Somogyi accepts the Numismatic Art Award for Excellence in Medallic Sculpture from ANA Past President Stephen R. Taylor during the banquet at the ANA's 98th Anniversary Convention. The award—a solid, 14kt gold medal—has been provided by the Franklin Mint since 1966.



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Somogyi studied art in her native Hungary before fleeing to the United States in 1957. For the next 20 years she worked as a commercial artist, helping fund her husband's graduate studies and supporting him and their two sons. "Now my husband is a biochemist, . . . and the boys are grown. I am back at sculpture."

Her medals have been displayed at the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of American History, several congresses of the Federation Internationale de la Medaille (FIDEM), and at an American Medallist Sculpture Association (AMSA) exhibition held in New York in 1985.

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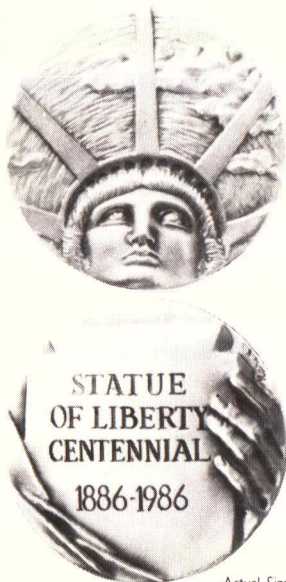
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Young Numismatists Display Literary Prowess

Competition was fierce in the ANA's Young Numismatist Literary Awards competition, the results of which were announced at the Association's 98th Anniversary Convention in Pittsburgh, August 12, 1989.

Taking the first-place Abe Kosoff Memorial Literary Award was Stephen Simpson of Grand Island, Nebraska,

for "The Making of Our Coins—Past and Present"; second place went to Scott T. Rottinghaus of Westmoreland, Kansas, for "Decus et Tutamen: The Edge Marking of Coins."

Matthew Rockman of San Francisco earned the first-place Maurice Gould Memorial Award for "Victorian Campaign Medals of British India," and Scott T. Rottinghaus grabbed second with "Latin Inscriptions on English Milled Coins Beginning with Charles II."

"Blowing the Dust off a Forgotten Denomination" earned the first-place Ray Byrne Memorial Award for its author, David F. Fanning of Cincinnati, Ohio. Second place went to Matthew Rockman for "The Coinage of Great Britain," and third place was presented to Scott T. Rottinghaus for "The British Decimal System from the



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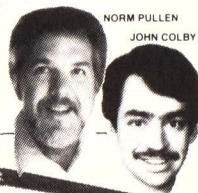


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In addition to providing custom photographic services, ANA photographers conduct classes during the Association's annual Summer Seminar. Students attending these seminars have included personnel from the Smithsonian Institution and a number of numismatic firms and auction houses.

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The ANA's convention office soon will assign dates and locations to member clubs and affiliated organizations that wish to meet during the Association's 99th Anniversary Convention in Seattle, Washington, August 22-26, 1990. Most meetings will be held at the Washington State Convention Center, site of the bourse and exhibit areas. To avoid conflicts that may arise from the abundance of meetings conducted in the early morning or evening, meetings can be scheduled during bourse hours.

Clubs that have met in conjunction with past ANA conventions will receive a meeting reservation form in the mail. For groups that conducted meetings at the recent convention in Pittsburgh, the ANA will hold the same day of the week, time and meeting-room size until confirmation, revision or cancellation is received.

For additional information, contact the ANA Convention Office, 818 North Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279, telephone 800/367-9723.

Rules and Qualifications for 1990 YN Awards

Stephen R. Taylor, chairman of the Association's Young Numismatist Program, has announced that 12 awards will be presented at the ANA's 99th

Anniversary Convention in Seattle in connection with the Young Numismatist Program. These awards are sponsored by the ANA, affiliated organizations, and individuals interested in encouraging participation of youngsters in numismatics.

Abe Kosoff Memorial Literary Award

This award is presented to the young numismatist who writes the best essay or gives the best talk on a numismatic subject. Information can be gathered from original research or various sources, but credit must be given by the author for reference material. Original conclusions are encouraged, particularly when logically presented. Manuscripts are judged on content, interest and literary excellence.

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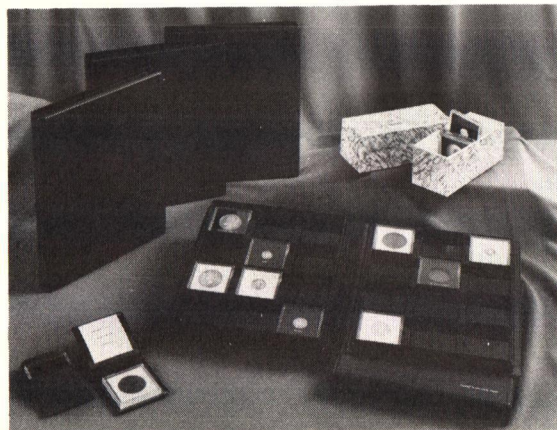
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Ray Byrne Memorial Literary Award
Qualifications and rules for this award are the same as the preceding except that the article must have been published in *The Numismatist*, *First Strike*, or other recognized numismatic publication.

ANA Member Clubs Award to the Outstanding Young Numismatist
Selection of the Outstanding Young

Numismatist is made on a basis similar to the ANA award for Outstanding Club Representative, that is, a cumulative point system that rates the nominee's service to numismatics. Eligibility is on a local, state or regional basis, and nominations can be made by any ANA individual or club member. The criteria by which points are awarded include talks presented before numismatic or educational groups, published papers (including those printed in local publications), enthusiasm in the hobby and leadership in local numismatic circles.

Charles H. Wolfe Sr. Junior Best-in-Show Exhibit Award

Junior members may enter exhibits in Class C at the ANA's anniversary convention. This award is presented to the young numismatist whose exhibit in

this class is judged best in accordance with exhibit rules; standards identical to those applied to adult exhibits will prevail. YN exhibitors shall prepare, mount and place their own exhibits.

The qualifications and rules pertaining to the remaining awards are identical to those of the preceding award, with the exception that each is a specialized category of numismatics: Gordon Z. Greene Memorial U.S. Exhibit Award, James L. Betton Foreign Exhibit Award, Kurt Krueger Paper Money Exhibit Award, Melissa Van Grover Israeli or Judaic Exhibit Award, ANA-sponsored Medals/Tokens Exhibit Award, Charles H. Wolfe Sr. Medieval/Ancient Exhibit Award and the Alan Herbert Error/Variety Exhibit Award.

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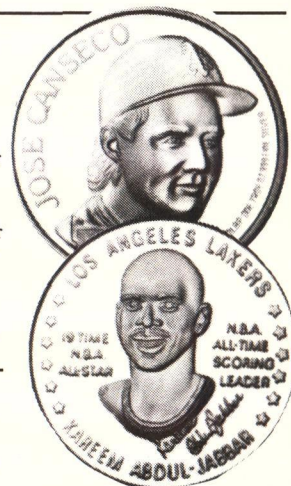
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Those wishing to submit nominees for Outstanding Young Numismatist should contact Stephen R. Taylor, 70 West View Ave., Dover, DE 19901. Literary award entries should be directed to Judy Padgett, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279. Juniors who wish to compete for exhibit awards at the ANA's 99th Anniversary Convention in Seattle can obtain exhibit rules and additional information by writing to Exhibit Chairman Ted McCann, 5016 128th Pl. S.E., Everett, WA 98204. Deadline for entries in the literary award categories is April 15, 1990. Nominations for Outstanding Young Numismatist must be received by Taylor no later than April 25, 1990.

ANA P.O. Box to Close

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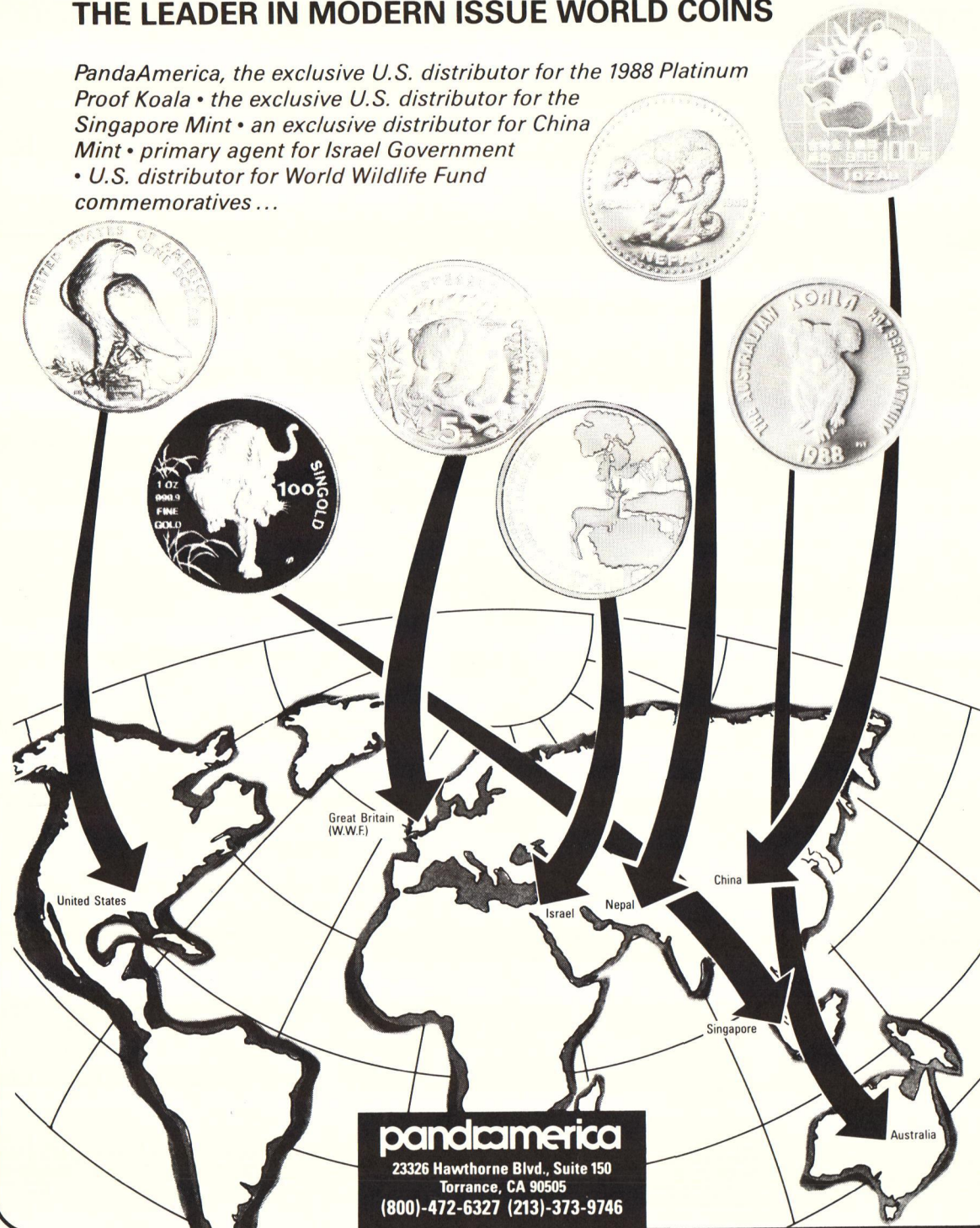
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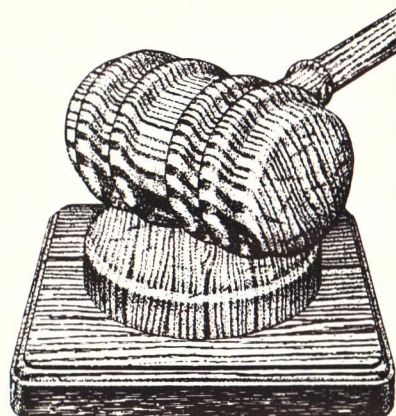
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valued to \$20,000 each, and gold coins made by private California mints valued to \$15,000.

The gold bars and coins aboard the *Central America* include fortunes made during the California Gold Rush, as well as a shipment of gold from the San Francisco Mint bound for New York banks.

In 1857 the estimated 3 tons of gold was valued at \$1.2 million, based on gold prices of about 90 cents per ounce. Today's price of about \$360 per troy ounce would bring the estimated value to around \$450 million.

Newark Museum to Reopen Numismatic Display

New Jersey's Newark Museum has announced its fall, winter and spring exhibition schedule, marked by a public

reopening on November 19 of its newly renovated galleries. Among the permanent installations to be unveiled is its Numismatic Gallery, which features more than 350 items representative of the museum's collection. On display are monetary items that trace the financial history of Newark and New Jersey; necessity tokens issued during emergencies created by war and depression; money of Africa; American and world medals; and U.S. commemorative coins.

Located at 49 Washington Street, the museum is open from noon to 5 p.m. on Tuesday through Sunday, and closed on Mondays, July 4, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. For further information, contact the Newark Museum, P.O. Box 540, Newark, NJ 07101, telephone 201/596-6550.

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Territorial Gold Piece Scales \$1 Million Barrier

An Augustus Humbert 1852/1 \$20 Territorial gold piece was sold May 19 for \$1.35 million. The sale marks the first time a single U.S. numismatic item changed hands for more than \$1 million.

The Humbert \$20 was originally the personal specimen of Augustus Humbert, who was the U.S. assayer of gold in San Francisco before the establishment of the Mint in 1854. According to *Walter Breen's Complete Encyclopedia of U.S. and Colonial Coins*, it is one of just three proofs known, and one of those is impaired.

This Humbert \$20 specimen first came to the attention of collectors at the Henry Chapman auction of the Andrew C. Zabriskie collection in

1909. It was sold to Colonel James W. Ellsworth for \$1,950. John Work Garrett later acquired the piece from the Ellsworth holding in 1923.

The coin was sold in a private transaction between a partnership of two major firms, one based in Tampa, the other in Oklahoma, and a suburban Minneapolis money management firm. At the request of the firms involved, their names are being withheld for security reasons.

Dallas Federal Reserve Celebrates 75 Years

On December 23, 1913, President Woodrow Wilson approved the Federal Reserve Act authorizing the development of 12 Federal Reserve Districts throughout the United States. Among the banks established in those districts

was the Dallas Federal Reserve, which this month celebrates its 75th year.

The act was drafted in response to a severe financial panic in 1907. The panic drew attention to the U.S. banking system's inability to keep up with America's economic needs. The system's shortcomings included two basic problems—an inelastic currency and immobile reserves.

Representative Carter Glass and H. Parker Willis, advisor to the House Committee on Banking and Finance, drafted the Glass-Willis plan calling for a system of regional reserve banks. The secretaries of Treasury and Agriculture, along with the Comptroller of the Currency, formed the Reserve Bank Organization Committee (RBOC) to divide the nation into districts and select the cities in which to locate reserve banks.

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Treasury Celebrates Bicentennial Year

On September 11 the Treasury Department took time to reflect on events of a day 200 years earlier, when Alexander Hamilton took the oath as the first Secretary of the Treasury under the U.S. Constitution. A ceremony for employees was held at the Treasury

building to mark the occasion and to launch a series of events for the Department's bicentennial year.

Public tours of portions of the Treasury building, a Greek Revival structure housing a host of historical treasures, now are available on a limited basis. The guided tours allow visitors to view the recently restored Cash Room, the Secretary of the Treasury's Conference and Reception rooms, and a cross-section of one of the four original burglar-proof vaults dating from 1864. Tour arrangements must be made in advance by contacting Treasury officials at 202/343-9136.

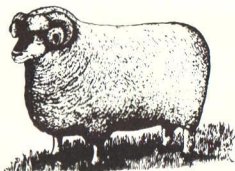
AMSA Begins Medal Series

The American Medallic Sculpture Association (AMSA) will begin issuing limited-edition art medals. Release of

the first issue in November coincides with the yearlong celebration of the 450th anniversary of the birth of the art medal in Renaissance Italy. AMSA President Beverly Mazze announced in September that Eugene Daub of Philadelphia will sculpt the piece.

Each offering in the AMSA series will be individually cast using the "lost wax" technique and hand finished. Medals in each edition will be numbered; no edition will be produced for more than two years. AMSA anticipates pricing the medals at under \$100, with a \$25 discount for members.

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Other Judaic coin issuers have left only tantalizing hints as to their identities. The appearance on the numismatic market place of a group of exceedingly rare small silver coins struck in medieval Hungary, are historic pieces of evidence in a mysterious numismatic puzzle. In the 13th century, Hungarian state policy permitted the mint to be farmed out. Between the years 1222 and 1234 the clergy and nobility protested vehemently against the role of Jewish mint masters, and the matter was not settled until 1239, when Pope Gregory IX decided in favor of the Jewish interests. This tolerance continued until 1279, when the pressures grew more extreme and Jews were finally excluded.

In this brief 40 year period, small "obols" were issued by unknown Jewish mint masters under Bela IV (1235-1270) and Stephan V (1270-1272). Small quantities of three different issues, which were originally part of the Niklovits Collection in the National Hungarian Museum, (acquired around the turn of the Century), through a special deacquisition, are being offered individually and in sets by Superior Stamp and Coin Company. Ira Goldberg, who negotiated for this historic group, indicates that "for all practical purposes these are the only Medieval Jewish coins that can be bought, and once these are sold it is extremely unlikely that a similar opportunity will ever occur."



"Aleph" type, silver obol, under Stephan V, AD 1270-1272 Obv: Head of the King to left. Inscription around; + MONETA UNGARIE. Rev: Large aleph between two birds
Bibliography: Huszar, L. MUENZKATALOG UNGARN, Munich 1979, No. 357; Rethy, L. CORPUS NUMMORUM HUNGARIE, Vol. I, Budapest 1898, No. 297

"Large tsadi" type, silver obol, under Bela IV, AD 1235-1270 Obv: Bastion tower on a hill between two lilies (fleur-de-lis) Rev: Large tsadi surrounded by wreath
Bibliography: Huszar, No. 306; Rethy, CNH, N. 241

"Small tsadi" type, silver obol, under Bela IV, AD 1235-1270 Obv: Bust of the King, inscription; + REX BELA, small tsadi Rev: Eagle with spread wings
Bibliography: Huszar, No. 313; Rethy, CNH, No. 246

The three coins available are all silver "obols" measuring about 11 millimeters as follows. **Aleph type:** Obverse with the head of Stephan facing left, inscribed MONETA UNGARIE (Hungarian Money); reverse with a large Hebrew letter "Aleph" surrounded by two birds. **Large Tsadi type:** Struck under Bela IV, obverse features a castle tower on a hill between two lilies (fleur-de-lis); a large Hebrew letter "Tsadi" appears within a wreath on the reverse. **Small Tsadi type:** Also issued during the reign of Bela IV, obverse portrays a bust of the king with his name REX BELA followed by a small Hebrew letter "Tsadi", while the reverse has an eagle with spread wings.

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Numismatic Recognition of the New World

With the impending 500th anniversary of Columbus' discovery of the New World, the numismatic community hopes that new issues will significantly augment the handful of commemorative coins and medals released since the explorer's historic voyage.

by Russell Rulau
ANA 40588

THE DISCOVERY OF the American continents had little measurable impact upon political or social trends in the Old World for a long time. Thus it is that coinage legends were slow to recognize the intrusion of the New World in daily thought in Europe.

Economic conditions in Spain, and more slowly in other parts of Europe, were buoyed by the immense treasures of the Aztec and Inca empires that began flowing back to the Old World soon after the 1492 land-fall. Yet, medals—issued in great variety by the artisans of Europe to honor persons and events of little historic significance—were not issued for more than a century after 1492 to commemorate any of the discoveries or the discoverers of the New World!¹

As C. Wyllys Betts pointed out in his 1894 opus (*American Colonial History Illustrated by Contemporary Medals*), even the conquistadores, such as Cortés and Pizarro, to whom Spain's enrichment was originally due, found no mention on any medallic emission. Commemorative coins were still unknown in the 16th century, of course, but the era was rich in another numismatic category of commemorative—the jeton or counter. Yet, the prolific jeton-makers seemed to ignore the New World in its first century.

When coin legends began to recognize America, the start was slow and

There are always exceptions to every statement one can make about numismatic-historical facts. New information emerges all the time. In our most recent research into this "earliest" situation, we have uncovered several exceptions: before 1518 a possible Italian medal for Columbus by Guido Mazzoni; in 1520 a German medal with Pillars and PLUS OULTRE by Hans Schwartz; and in 1529 a German medal for Cortés by Christof Weiditz.

Excerpted from *Discovering America: The Coin Collecting Connection* by Russell Rulau.
Iola, WI: Krause Publications, 1989.

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tortuous. The earliest reference was indirect—Emperor Charles V (Carlos I of Spain) changed the motto on his coins for Flanders in 1519 from NON PLUS ULTRA (“no more beyond”) to PLUS ULTRA (“more beyond”). The “beyond” referred to the Pillars of Hercules (the Straits of Gibraltar), the supposed end of the known world. The Pillars of Hercules and PLUS ULTRA appeared on coins of Carlos I and Joanna (his insane mother) struck at the new Mexico Mint in 1536 and the new Santo Domingo Mint in 1542.

On some of his small silver coins of 1535 struck at Barcelona to honor his successful naval expedition to Tunis, Carlos I first used the Pillars and PLUS ULTRA on homeland coins. On coins of 1555 struck before his abdication late that year, INDIARVM (“of the Indies”) was added to homeland coin legends.

Philip II, who succeeded his father in Spain and the Netherlands, began immediately in 1556 to recognize the New World in legends on medals by calling himself King of Spain and of NOVI ORBIS OCCIDVI (“the New Western World”). This was a full 64 years after Columbus’ landfall.

Probably the first medal to commemorate the New World came in 1581 (the legend changes described above had merely added some Latin abbreviations and the Pillars on coins and medals issued for other reasons)—and the commemoration was oblique. Philip II issued a silver medal showing a horse (Spain’s symbol) leaping from a globe and the motto NON SVFFICIT ORBIS (“one world is not enough”). This refers to Spain’s acquisition of the vast Portuguese overseas empire after the union of the two monarchies under Philip’s crown in 1580.

In 1596-98 the Dutch honored voyages to America on three medals, but the themes were general, not specific. America is not identified on the pieces. More Dutch medals issued in 1599 for the capture of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands do not even mention the place or the New World!

The first New World explorer honored on a medal with effigy and name



In 1531 Charles V (right) granted explorer Francisco Pizarro the titles of governor and captain-general of all the countries he might conquer for Spain.



Actual Size: 72mm

Columbus discovered Watling Island in the Bahamas on October 12, 1492. A \$2,500 coin of the Bahamas released in 1987 features Queen Isabella and Columbus; a 1971 \$50 shows his flagship, the *Santa Maria*.

was Admiral Piet Heyn, who was not an explorer at all, but rather a very successful pirate! In 1628 he seized the entire Spanish treasure fleet that had been assembling in Matanzas Bay, Cuba, for the homeward voyage to Spain.

The honor of being the first New World settler to be commemorated on a medal belongs to Cecil Calvert, Second Lord Baltimore. In 1632 several medals celebrated his proprietorship over Maryland.

And while the Dutch and English had by now begun to mark the deeds of their explorers, the nations that enjoyed most of the New World's riches—Spain and Portugal—had not yet even referred to its discoverers by name on any numismatic emission!

France saluted its Company of the Indies with medals in 1664. Betts identifies a Spanish medal of 1682 that mentions "Our Lady of Guadalupe of Mexico," which he says may have been struck originally for Mexican Indians. But Betts' editors, Lyman Low and William Marvin, thought this piece emanated as a church medal from a later period. It is, however, an early Spanish claimant to direct mention of a place in the New World on a medal—almost two centuries after Columbus discovered America. The first undisputed Spanish medals mentioning America are the proclamation pieces of Philip V in 1701, issued from Mexico, Lima and Vera Cruz.

It was left to later ages to recognize, numismatically, the contributions of Columbus, Vespucci, Cabot, Cabral and the other early seafarers who opened up a new western world where the Old World thought Asia should be.

Looking Beyond in the 18th and 19th Centuries

JEAN DASSIER OF Switzerland (1676-1763) probably inspired medalists



Actual Size: 54mm!

Hernán Cortés is depicted on this 1529 bronze medal by Christof Weiditz, possibly the earliest numismatic recognition of a New World explorer.

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who came after him to look outward for medallic subjects. He began a medal series on religious reformers in 1720 and one on French celebrities (*Galerie Métallique des Grands Hommes du Siècle de Louis XIV*), also in 1720. Other medal series on theologians in Geneva, Roman history, and kings and queens of England (the latter begun in 1731) followed.

About 1800 the engravers and medalists of the world began to commemorate persons, events and movements not directly connected with nationalism, commerce, local religion or social standing—moved, perhaps, by the prospect of monetary reward as much as anything else.

One prolific German medalist of the 17th century, Christian Wermuth of Gotha, issued in the space of just 20 years some 1,300 different medals, including many in a “series” concept for sale to anyone who would pay the price. Wermuth’s series include counters on the Restoration of Peace in 1691; portrait medals of Popes (250 medals); portrait medals of Roman emperors (214 medals); and satirical medals on many subjects of interest to Europeans of his day.

Here, then, for the first time, history was re-examined, and medals began to be issued to honor the world’s most famous men, including at first a very few adventurers whose lives touched the New World. Commemorative coins, unknown since ancient Greece and Rome, were revived in the late 1800s and in the 20th century have become commonplace.

What of Columbus?

SPAIN ALMOST TOTALLY ignored Christopher Columbus numismatically. Through the last day of 1988—496 years after his discovery—Columbus had still not graced one official, legal-tender coin of Spain.

Italy was a little better. Through 1988, Columbus had neither been depicted nor mentioned on any official Italian coin. There is an indirect recognition, however. On the silver 500-lira coin struck 1958-85, three caravels are shown opposite a personification of Italia, and these are Co-



Columbus ponders the night sky on the evening before his landing in the Bahamas.



Philip II is proclaimed king of Spain and "the New Western World" (NOVI ORBIS OCCIDVI) on this 1559 medal commemorating the Peace of Cateau-Cambresis.



Actual Size: 62.3mm

A 50-crown coin issued by the Turks and Caicos Islands in 1986 marks the 500th anniversary of the proposal of Columbus' "great voyage of discovery."

AS FAR AS we have been able to discover, the first private medal produced in Spain to portray Columbus is the 1885 medal of the Union Ibero Americana.

lumbus' three ships of his first voyage.

The first private medal produced in Italy to show Columbus' effigy is that by Tommaso Mercandetti of Rome in 1821. It was followed shortly by one of Niccolo Cerbara of Rome in 1830, and one produced for Columbus' birthplace, Genoa, by Giuseppe Girometti in 1846.

As far as we have been able to discover, the first private medal produced in Spain to portray Columbus is the 1885 medal of the Union Ibero Americana. A Spanish colony, Cuba, produced plaques in 1862 depicting the erection of a Columbus statue at Cardenas during the reign of Isabella II.

It fell to the French, in 1819, to be the first in the world to portray Columbus on a medal. This was designed by Louis M. Petit and published by Amedee Durand in Series Numismatica, a group of medals produced from 1818 to 1846.

Guatemala in 1854 struck the excessively rare and almost unknown silver 8 reales, which became the world's first coin to depict the discoverer. The first widely circulated coin to depict Columbus was the United States silver 50-cent piece of 1892, struck for the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. That same year, 1892, both El Salvador and Colombia issued silver 50-centavo coins portraying Columbus, and El Salvador also issued a silver peso of the same type.

There is a possibility that Columbus was portrayed once—much earlier. Italian painter Guido Mazzoni, who died in 1518, supposedly modeled dies for a Renaissance medal showing Columbus' head. Before 1872, some copy medals appeared in Italy, and one was acquired by the Vienna State Museum in 1884. This copy piece has not been examined, and the literature has yielded little enlightenment.

And What of Ericsson?

THE VOYAGES OF discovery by Bjarni Herjulfsson (986), Leif Ericsson (1001), Thorvald Ericsson (1004), Thorstein Ericsson (1008) and Thorfinn Karlsefni (1009) were recorded only by the word-of-mouth sagas of the Norsemen at the time. They were set down in print only hundreds of years later in the 1200s and 1300s.

No sketches of the Norse discoverers were made, and even Leif Ericsson's bloodline defies study. About 1410 the colony on Greenland seems to have died off; ever since 1347 the climate had become unbearably cold, and no one was left.

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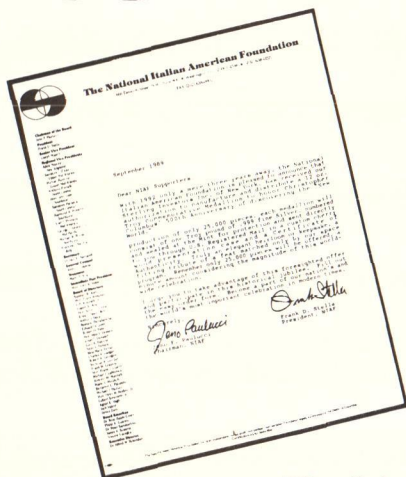
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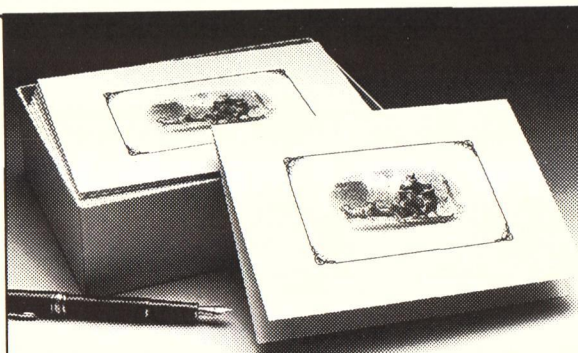
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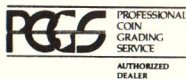
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ORIGINALLY ISSUED TO prepare "for the defense of Philadelphia" but utilized instead to enhance funding measures in an effort "to pave [city] streets," the Pennsylvania paper money emission of March 20, 1771, provides contemporary numismatists with a colorful and unique glimpse of the American Revolution. Printed on mica-flaked paper by William Sellers and David Hall, the £15,000 emission, consisting of 24,000 notes, was issued in four denominations: 5s, 10s, 15s and 20s. To endorse this particular emission, the Colony of Pennsylvania appointed 12 signers, including Francis Hopkinson.

Born in Philadelphia in 1737 and raised in an atmosphere of "genteel poverty," Hopkinson was a New Jersey delegate to the Continental Congress and signer of the Declaration of Independence. After graduating from the College of Philadelphia in 1757, he prepared himself for a career in law under the guidance of Benjamin Chew, Pennsylvania's attorney general. In 1763, following his admission to the bar, Hopkinson secured the position of customs collector in Salem, New Jersey.

After failing in business, he ventured to England in 1766, confident of obtaining employment through the patronage of a distant relative, Lord North. Fourteen months later, unsuccessful in his vocational aspirations, Hopkinson returned to Philadelphia and opened a dry goods store. In 1768 he married Ann Borden and moved to Bordentown, New Jersey, which had been founded by his wife's influential family. Soon he estab-

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lished a prosperous law practice and was eventually appointed provincial counsel.

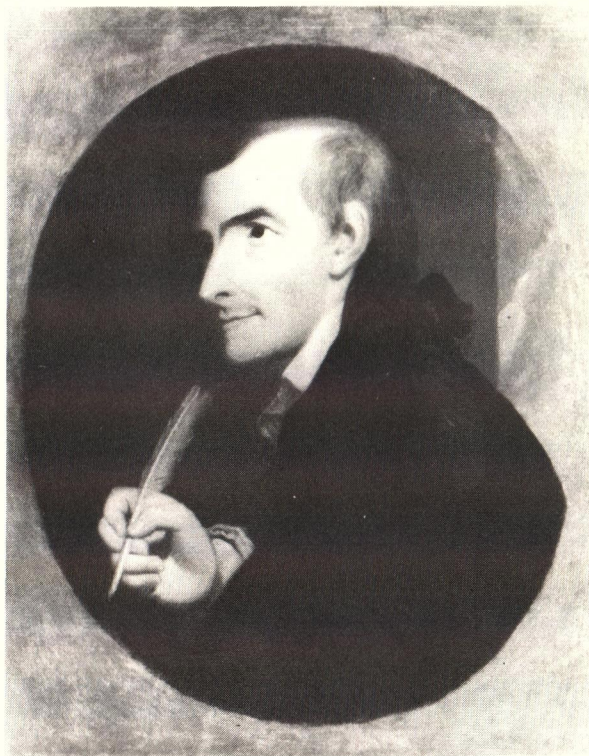
Throughout the remainder of his life, Hopkinson continued to serve in numerous governmental capacities, including customs collector for New Castle, Delaware; chairman of Philadelphia's Continental Navy Board; and judge of Pennsylvania's Admiralty Court. However, to Hopkinson, these were simply a means of economic survival; his heart, as well as his talents, lay in music, art and literature.

Hopkinson was not only an accomplished musician who often arranged and gave public concerts, but he was also a talented composer. His work entitled "My Days Have Been So Wondrous Free" is considered by many to be the first composition by an American-born composer. Likewise, his *Temple of Minerva* is the first American attempt at opera. Regarding art, he was noted for his crayon drawings and skillful portrayals of heraldic emblems. Hopkinson's artistry is substantiated by Eric P. Newman, who states in his book *The Early Paper Money of America* that Hopkinson designed the emblems appearing on the \$50 and \$60 denominations of the September 26, 1778, issue of Continental Currency, as well as the emblems and mottoes appearing on the \$35, \$45, \$70 and \$80 denominations of the January 14, 1779, issue.

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Francis Hopkinson



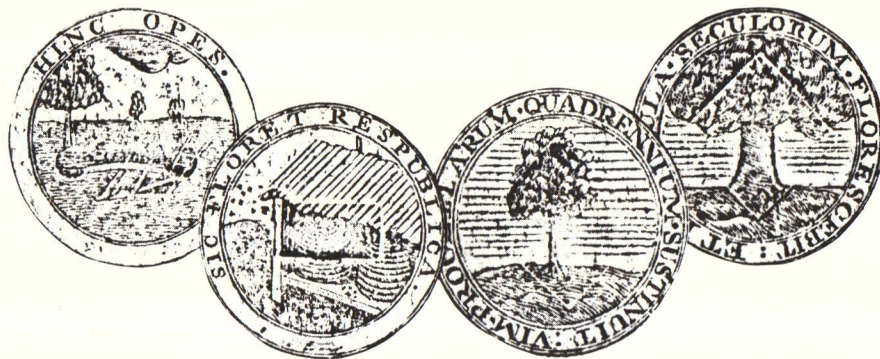
Francis Hopkinson is remembered for his literary, musical and artistic endeavors, as well as for signing the Declaration of Independence and the Colony of Pennsylvania notes of March 20, 1771. He apparently was not the best looking of men. Remarked John Adams in a letter to his wife, "His head is not bigger than a large Apple."

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These four emblems and mottoes from the \$35, \$45, \$70 and \$80 denominations of the Continental Currency issue of January 14, 1779 (left to right, respectively), were designed by Hopkinson.

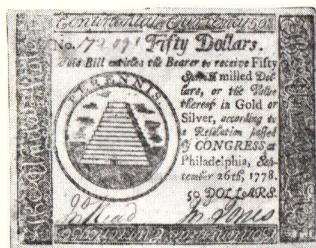


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Additional evidence of Hopkinson's wit can be found in his poem "The Battle of the Kegs." Although this particular work possesses questionable literary merit, Hopkinson here seized upon a most remarkable opportunity. In 1778, while the British occupied Philadelphia, ingenious inventor David Bushnell constructed several floating mines and sailed them down the Delaware River in an attempt to obstruct British shipping. However, because of Bushnell's navigational error and because British ships were docked to avoid the effects of ice on their hulls, the scheme failed. Hopkinson, though, by being imaginative and producing "a very rollicking expansion of the actual facts," reported a somewhat different version.

Much to the delight of the patriots, Hopkinson prepared and published a prose account of the incident suggesting that British soldiers and sailors, under severe duress and panic, fired an arsenal of small arms and cannons at the kegs, which they suspected of housing militiamen who would burst "forth in the dead of night, as the Grecians did of old." Shortly thereafter, supplementing the prose version, Hopkinson published "The Ballad of the Kegs," copies of which raced from colony to colony, enlightening those bleak, winter months of 1778. However, Hopkinson's stinging splendor was somewhat soured; the British had already looted his residence and destroyed much of his property.

Francis Hopkinson—lawyer, essayist, poet, musician, artist and public



This British counterfeit specimen of a \$50 bill from the issuance of September 26, 1778, bears an emblem similar to that designed by Francis Hopkinson for the legitimate issues. British counterfeiting of colonial currency was a real problem at that time, leading authorities to frequently legislate new designs and emblems for paper money issues.

"HE IS ONE of your pretty, little, curious, ingenious, Men. . . . I have not met with any Thing in natural History much more amusing and entertaining . . ."

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servant—died while serving as a federal judge in 1791. He was 53 years old. Interestingly, some authors have argued that during his brief tenure in the Continental Congress, Hopkinson, who was "unsullied by any of the imperfections which sometimes cleave to genius," contributed little of political significance and failed to create a memorable impression—that is, of course, providing contemporaries did not discuss him with John Adams.

In a letter to his wife, Abigail, dated August 21, 1776, Adams wrote of Hopkinson,

I have a Curiosity to penetrate a little deeper into the Bosom of this curious Gentleman, and may possibly give you some more particulars concerning him. . . . He is one of your pretty, little, curious, ingenious, Men. His head is not bigger than a large Apple. . . . I have not met with any Thing in natural History much more amusing and entertaining, than his personal Appearance.

Present-day numismatists would readily agree. The acquisition of a Hopkinson note would make a unique and welcome addition to any collection of colonial currency.

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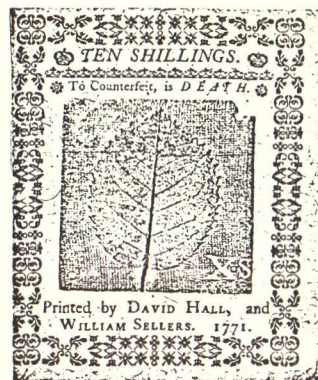
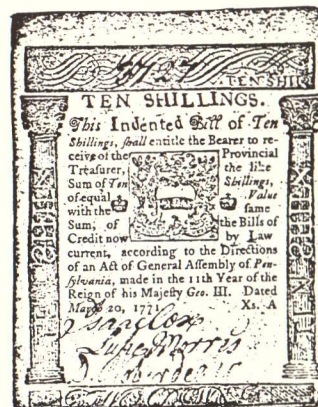
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Authorized for the defense of Philadelphia, the Colony of Pennsylvania's paper money issuance of March 20, 1771, was ultimately used to enhance funding measures for paving streets. Notes bearing Francis Hopkinson's signature are worth three times as much as notes without it.

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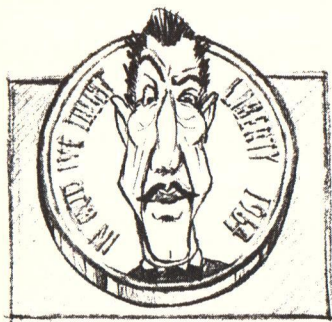
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The '64 Nickel: Rumor and Fact

So you think there's nothing funny about a 1964 nickel? Think again! The overabundance of this pesky coin leads a humorist to examine its questionable status in the annals of coinage history.

by Steven Young



Could it be Vincent Price?

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THERE'S NO ESCAPING 1964 nickels. Nearly 3 *billion* were minted (that's about eleven '64 nickels for every man, woman and child in America today). Even now, 25 years later, a handful of change stands an all-too-great chance of containing one of the annoyingly ubiquitous coins. It's not surprising that a coin so much a part of our lives should be surrounded by myth. What follows is an attempt to separate the facts from the fiction.

■ **One machine at the Mint is still making '64 nickels 24 hours a day because nobody knows how to shut it off.**

Partly True. Though the machine can't be turned off, it has been slowed down. It now makes only one 1964 nickel every 13 years.

■ **1964 nickels have a refreshing liquid center.**

False. All 1964 nickels have a refreshing, copper-nickel alloy center.

■ **A '64 nickel was carried into deep space by the *Voyager* spacecraft as an example of Earth culture.**

True. One down, 2,815,919,921 to go.

■ **In Spain it is considered good luck to find a '64 nickel.**

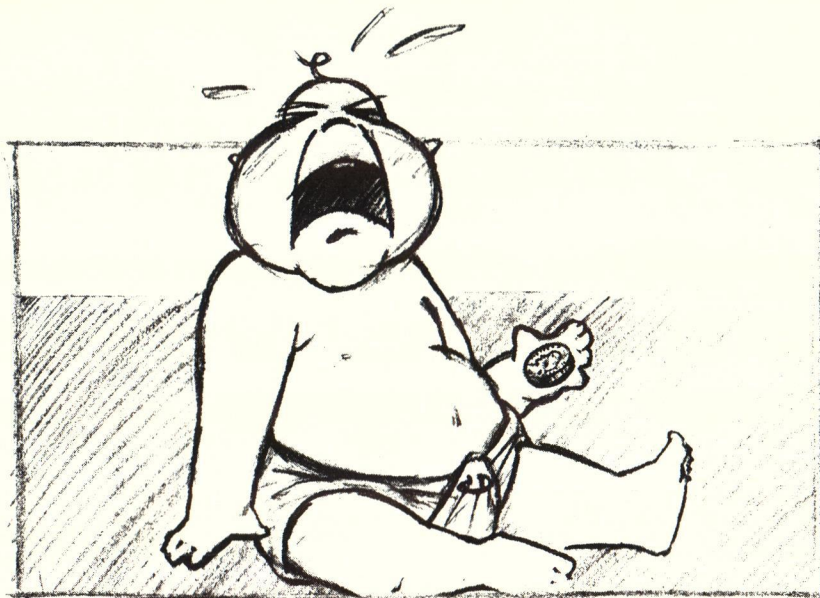
True. However, it is considered even better luck not to find one.

■ **The '64 nickel depicts Vincent Price rather than Thomas Jefferson.**

False. The rumor is not true.

■ **A species of moth in Brazil hides from its enemies by camouflaging itself as a '64 nickel.**

True. This trait also allows it to remain undisturbed by coin collectors.



The baby rumor.

■ **Nostradamus predicted the existence of the '64 nickel hundreds of years ago.**

Unclear. The text is ambiguous; the "annoying coin" referred to may be the Susan B. Anthony dollar.

■ **Babies are fascinated by '64 nickels and will stare at them for hours.**

False. Most infants will lose interest and begin to cry within seconds.

■ **Walter Mondale once said, "A '64 nickel saved is a '64 nickel earned."**

True. However, Mondale later claimed that his remark was "taken out of context."

■ **Singer "Mama" Cass Elliot choked to death on a '64 nickel.**

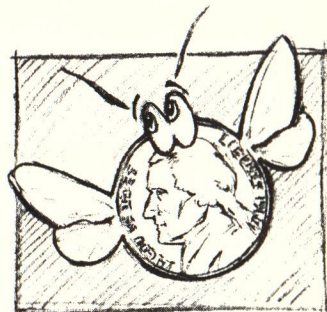
False. At the time of her death, the closest 1964 nickel was nearly 3 feet away.

■ **If the national debt were converted into 1964 nickels, even more of them would have to be minted.**

True. A horrified Congress voted down just such a proposal in 1986.

■ **A '64 nickel was accidentally elevated to the Supreme Court in 1972.**

True. It was replaced by a human being within two weeks. •



Endangered species.

Steven Young was born in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1965 and grew up in Pepperell, Massachusetts. He attended Harvard University, where he majored in English and wrote for the HARVARD LAMPOON, the nation's oldest humor magazine. His interest in coins began at age 5 when he dug up an Indian Head cent near his house. Since then, family members who collect coins have helped sustain his interest.

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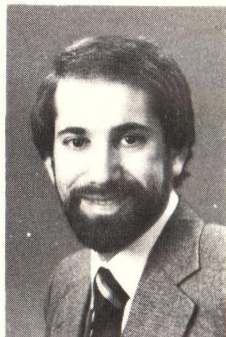
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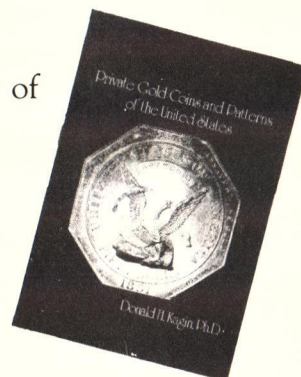
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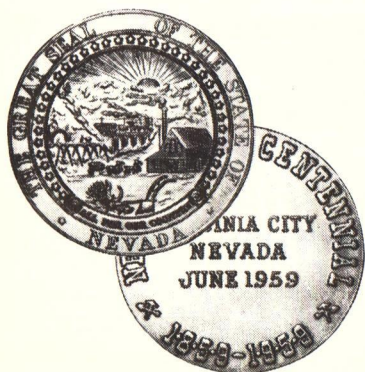
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Collecting National Commemorative Medals

Commemorative medals sponsored by private organizations and struck by the United States Mint present a challenge to collectors who seek beauty and history.

by Howard Turner
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Years ago, to thwart constant robberies of silver bars during shipment, Nevada mining interests hit upon the idea of melting the bars into one big ball that would be too large for thieves to steal and transport. For production of the Nevada Silver Centennial medals, a Panamint ball of silver was shipped to the Philadelphia Mint. (#1)

NATIONAL COMMEMORATIVE MEDALS originally were intended to commemorate persons, places and events of national significance, and many did achieve this goal. These medals came into their own with the first issue in 1940, replacing the sorely missed commemorative coinage whose demise was brought about by abuses of the program. No commemorative coins were struck from 1940 to 1945. From 1946 to 1954 three more were struck—the Iowa Centennial of 1946; the Booker T. Washington commemorative, issued annually from 1946 through 1951; and the Washington-Carver half issued annually from 1951 through 1954. The 28-year gap from 1954 until the striking of the 1982 George Washington commemorative half dollar was filled by the national commemorative medal.

All such medals initially were sponsored by private organizations that had an interest in the event or person honored. They approached Congressmen to help them bring their goals to fruition. Generally, the proposed legislation, besides authorizing the medal, spells out the maximum number that can be struck and the sizes and metals to be used. Cost studies are made, and the sponsor must pay the Mint or put up a bond before production can begin.

Medal bills are considered for approval by two committees of Congress: the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs and the House Committee on Banking and Currency. Congress is guided to a great extent by reports of these committees in voting on bills authorizing commemorative medals. When passed by both Houses of Congress, the bill

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goes to the President for his signature. This process gives these U.S. Mint products their status of national commemorative medals.

These medals are not, however, distributed by the Mint. When struck, they are delivered to the sponsoring organization for distribution. The sponsor, therefore, has wide latitude in what is struck, and is not as restricted as by requirements for commemorative coinage. A variety of medal sizes have been authorized and struck: $1\frac{3}{16}$ inch, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch, $1\frac{1}{16}$ inch, 1 inch, $1\frac{1}{16}$ inch, 2 inch, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch and 3 inch. Although the majority of the medals were struck in $1\frac{1}{16}$ and $1\frac{3}{16}$ -inch sizes, many were issued in additional sizes, and a few were issued in just one or more of the other sizes. It is too bad that sizes couldn't have been more standardized, but aesthetics, I'm sure, guided the sponsors, along with suggestions from the designers and engravers of the U.S. Mint.

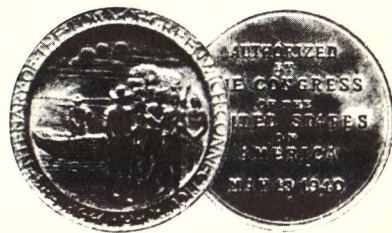
Metals also run the gamut of gold, platinum, palladium, silver, bronze, gold-plated and golden bronze. Many of the silver are proof issues. Some of the precious-metal strikes were used as presentation pieces or were used to raise money for ongoing works of the sponsoring organization. Some silver pieces were struck with serial numbers on the rims and sold at a premium. Most medals could be purchased, but a few were made solely for presentation.

Many years ago I decided to collect these medals, and it has taken 28 years to obtain at least one specimen of every issue. It was a tremendous challenge. First of all, I had to watch local newspapers, plus coin publications, to find out if a sponsor was trying to get approval for a particular medal. Sometimes years went by before the medal was actually struck, and I had to keep track, often with letters to Congress and the sponsor. Full-page ads seldom offered these issues.

Many other numismatists collect national commemorative medals, and I have corresponded with quite a few, trying to keep them abreast of new issues as they come out. (Some of the earlier issues were listed in *So-Called Dollars* by Harold E. Hibler and Charles V. Kappen.) As there was no central source of information about these pieces, I believe a lot of collectors gave up. One friend in California has the only other complete set I know of and exhibited them at the ANA's Atlanta convention in 1987.

Mintages vary, and some medals were struck in quite small numbers. For many of the medals, only one or two were struck for presentation and, of course, were not available to the general public. However, in most cases, additional numbers were produced for public sale.

Two issues that numbered 2,000 pieces each were never sold but



With the help of Cory Gilliland, curator of the Smithsonian's National Numismatic Collection, I recently was able to track down information about this medal, issued for the Greenwich, Connecticut, Tercentennial in 1940. The obverse shows settlers, landing in a boat, being welcomed by Indians. The surrounding inscription reads **TERCENTENARY OF THE TOWN OF GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT**. In the exergue are the dates **1640-1940**. The reverse inscription, in eight lines, reads **AUTHORIZED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA MAY 13 1940**. (#AA1)



The beautiful Century "21" Exposition medal, designed by George Tsutakawa, was sculpted in high relief. The reverse depicts the artist's concept of outer space. (#7)



Actual Size: 2½ inches

In 1969 this medal was struck to mark the 100th anniversary of the completion of the first transcontinental railway. Depicted on the obverse are two engines, Jupiter and #119, of the Central Pacific and the Union Pacific, nosing together at Promontory Summit, Utah on May 10, 1869. The medal often is referred to as the "Golden Spike Commemorative" in reference to the spike used in the 1859 ceremony. Attached to the spike was a bulbous nugget, which was broken off before the ceremonies and made into watch fobs and rings for President Grant, Secretary of State William Seward and several other dignitaries. Fashioned from \$400 worth of gold by San Francisco jewelers, the spike now is displayed at the Stanford University Museum. (#23)

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were awarded to people in the sponsoring organization in recognition of superior service. The smallest number struck was 100; the highest in the thousands.

You can find national commemorative medals at many coin shops, but most dealers have not the slightest idea what they are, how many were minted or what they are worth. If you see one you want and the price seems high, make a reasonable offer below the marked price and you will probably get it. Also, many individuals advertise medals in the classified section of coin publications, and most are usually fairly priced.

The challenge of obtaining many of the issues was a true test of my dedication to the task and gave me untold hours of pleasure. The issues are so diverse that they are very educational. Almost all of the sponsors have some sort of historical background material to help promote their issues. Many of them are of regional interest, giving everyone the opportunity to learn of people, places and events nationwide.

With the revival of the Mint's commemorative coinage program, interest in national commemorative medals may slacken. Commemorative coins must have national appeal; however, a plethora of regional topics remain for national commemorative medals. I feel that Congress will not promiscuously put its stamp of approval on every commemorative coin proposal brought before it. Therefore, there should be room for this medal series to continue.

National Commemorative Medals

THE FOLLOWING is a listing and brief description of national commemorative medals, condensed from my articles "Commemorative Medals Struck at the U.S. Mint," which appeared in the July 1968, September 1977 and November 1985 issues of *The Numismatist*. I recently located two more medals, numbers AA1 and 44, and have included them here.

AA1. Greenwich, Connecticut, Tercentennial
1940; bronze; 1²/₁₀₀ inches; 2,500 struck.

A1. 200th Anniversary of the State of New York
1954; bronze and sterling silver; 1¹/₁₆ inches; 4,000 and 1,250 minted, respectively. Fifty .900 fine gold proof medals also were minted.

B1. 120th Anniversary of Texas' Declaration of Independence
1956; bronze; 1¹/₁₆ inches; 2,000 authorized.

C1. Louis Dembitz Brandeis Centennial Year
1956; bronze; 1¹/₁₆ inches; 3,000 minted. Twenty gold medals also were struck for presentation.

1. Nevada Silver Centennial

1959; .900 fine silver; 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ inches; 1,000 minted.

2. Rush to the Rockies Centennial/Opening of the United States

Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado

1959; .900 fine silver; 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ inches; 10,000 minted.

3. Pony Express Centennial

1960; bronze and .900 fine silver; 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ inches; 50,000 and 5,000 minted, respectively. Three thousand medals were struck in high-relief, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch silver and box-numbered. Of these, 32 were presented to officers and directors of the National Pony Express Centennial Association.

4. Kansas Statehood Centennial

1961; .900 fine silver; 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ inches; 20,000 minted.

5. Pony Express Termination Centennial

1961; bronze and .900 fine silver; 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ inches; 15,000 and 3,000 minted, respectively. One thousand 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch, .900 fine silver medals were struck as presentation pieces for each of the 1,000 riders who participated in the centennial rerun of the actual Pony Express route. One thousand 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch, silver termination medals were offered to the general public at \$30 each.

6. 250th Anniversary of Mobile, Alabama

1961; .900 fine silver; 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ inches; 5,000 minted.

7. Century "21" Exposition

1962; golden bronze and .900 fine silver; 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ inches; 15,000 and 2,000 minted, respectively.

8. West Virginia Centennial

1963; bronze and silver; 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ inches; 200,000 and 12,000 (proof) minted, respectively.

9. 250th Anniversary of Birth of Padre Junipero Serra

1963; bronze and .900 fine silver; 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ inches; 2,000 and 10,000 minted, respectively. The Office of Domestic Gold and Silver Operations allowed five gold medals to be struck for presentation to President Lyndon Johnson, Pope Paul VI, Generalissimo Franco, Serra International and for loan to California museums. An additional 25 pieces were struck in platinum and sold for \$750 each.

10. Nevada Statehood Centennial

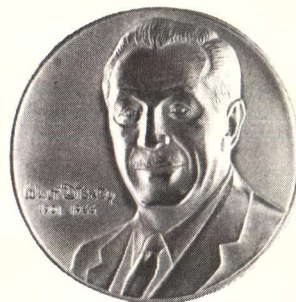
1964; .900 fine silver; 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ inches; 20,000 minted (including 5,000 proofs).

11. General Douglas MacArthur

1962; bronze; 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ inches; 10,000 minted. In addition, 3 $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch bronze medals were struck and given to those donating \$1,000 to the MacArthur Memorial Foundation.

A12. 50th Anniversary of the First Union Health Center

1964; bronze; 3 inches; 2,000 minted. A 3-inch silver medal was struck for presentation purposes.

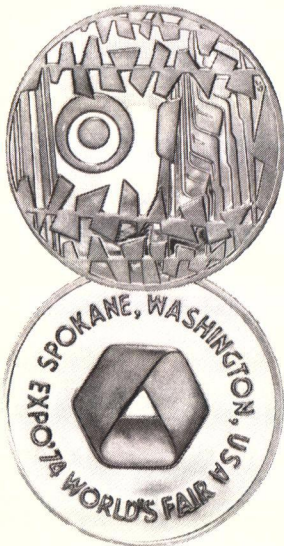


Actual Size: 3 inches

A bronze replica of the gold medal presented to Walt Disney's widow was given as a token of appreciation to each contributor of \$100 or more to the California Institute of the Arts. The portrait of Disney on the obverse was designed and sculpted by Blaine Gibson; the likenesses of Mickey Mouse and other famous Disney cartoon characters on the reverse were designed by Bob Moore and executed by Joe Kaba. (#29)



The South Carolina Tricentennial medal was sculpted by well-known artist Enrique Monjo. (#31)



Commemorating the 1974 International Exposition on Environment at Spokane, Washington, this medal was struck by a private manufacturer using dies produced by the U.S. Mint. The obverse was designed by George Tsutakawa, a internationally prominent sculptor known for his fountains. (#38)

12. Saint Louis Bicentennial

1964; bronze and .900 fine silver; 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ inches; 10,000 and 15,000 minted, respectively.

13. Liberty Series: Federal Hall National Memorial

1965; .900 fine silver; 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ inches; 5,000 minted. Medals in this series also were produced in 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bronze.

14. Liberty Series: American Museum of Immigration

1965; .900 fine silver; 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ inches; 5,000 minted. Medals in this series also were produced in 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bronze.

15. Liberty Series: Castle Clinton National Monument

1965; .900 fine silver; 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ inches; 5,000 minted. Medals in this series also were produced in 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bronze.

16. American Numismatic Association Diamond Anniversary

1966; bronze; 3 inches; 50,000 authorized—3,000 minted. Thirty 3-inch silver medals were struck for presentation to elected and appointed ANA officers and to high-ranking government and treasury officials.

17. 25th Anniversary of U.S. Navy Seabees/U.S. Navy Civil Engineers Corps Centennial

1967; bronze and silver; 3 inches and 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ -inches, respectively; 100,000 total authorized.

18. 50th Anniversary of the Federal Land Bank

1967; golden bronze; 3 inches; 2,000 authorized.

19. Alaska Purchase Centennial

1967; bronze, silver and platinum; 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ inches; 100,000 authorized—10,000 struck in silver, the balance in bronze. The first 2,500 silver medals were serially numbered. In addition, platinum medals were sold on a reservation-only basis at \$500 each, only within the State of Alaska.

20. Liberty Series: Ellis Island National Shrine

1967; .900 fine silver; 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ -inches; 5,000. Medals in this series also were produced in 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bronze. In addition, seven gold medals were struck for presentation purposes.

A21. 50th Anniversary of the Diplomatic Courier Service

1968; bronze and sterling silver; 3 inches; 4,000 and 1,000 minted, respectively. The medal originally was struck in 3-inch bronze and sold as U.S. Mint item #658. However, the U.S. Diplomatic Service subsequently sponsored the issue described above.

21. 250th Anniversary of San Antonio/HemisFair '68

1968; bronze and silver; 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ inches; approximately 10,000 and 8,000 minted, respectively. The first 5,000 silver medals were serially numbered. Six gold medals also were struck for presentation to President Lyndon Johnson, Texas Governor Connally, Senators Ralph Yarborough and John Tower, Congressman Henry B. Gonzalez and San Antonio Mayor Walter M. McAllister Sr.

22. 200th Anniversary of San Diego

1969; bronze and silver; 36,500 and 55,000 in a 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ -inch size, respectively, and 29,500 and 1,000 in a 3-inch size, respectively.

**23. 100th Anniversary of the First Transcontinental Rail Route
(Golden Spike Commemorative)**

1969; bronze and silver; 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bronze and silver, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ -inch bronze; 500,000 authorized.

24. Father Marquette Tercentenary

1968; bronze and silver; 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ inches; 4,000 and 200 minted, respectively. Five medals were struck in gold for presentation purposes.

25. Memphis, Tennessee, Sesquicentennial

1969; bronze and silver; 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ inches; 100,000 authorized. First issue, 10,000 silver minted; second issue, 10,000 silver minted bearing the mark MSII.

26. Dartmouth College Bicentennial

1969; bronze and gold; 3 inches; 5,000 and 2 minted, respectively.

27. Winston Churchill "Iron Curtain" Memorial

1969; bronze and silver; 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ inches; 95,000 bronze authorized, 5,000 silver minted. One 3-inch gold medal was presented to Westminster College.

28. Wichita, Kansas, Centennial Medal

1969; bronze and silver; 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ inches; 9,000 and 3,500 minted, respectively. The first 1,500 silver medals are serially numbered. Numbers 2 through 100 were auctioned on a mail-bid basis. Serial number 1 was presented to President Nixon on July 11, 1969.

29. Walt Disney Commemorative

1969; bronze; 3 inches; 100,000 authorized. One 3-inch gold medal was struck for presentation to Disney's widow. One 3-inch bronze medal was given to each contributor of \$100 or more to California Institute of Fine Arts.

30. Alabama Sesquicentennial

1969; bronze and sterling silver; 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ inches; 10,000 and 2,500 minted, respectively. The sterling silver medals are serially numbered.

31. South Carolina Tricentennial

1970; bronze and silver; 300 3-inch silver, 3,000 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ -inch silver, 3,000 3-inch bronze, 3,000 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ -inch bronze. Both sizes of silver and the 3-inch bronze medals were serially numbered.

32. American Fisheries Society Centennial

1970; bronze and silver; 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ inches; 100,000 authorized—first issue, 1,900 and 100 minted, respectively.

33. Ohio Northern University Centennial

1971; bronze and .900 fine silver; 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ inches; 16,000 authorized—1,000 and 2,000 minted, respectively.

34. Stone Mountain Memorial Dedication

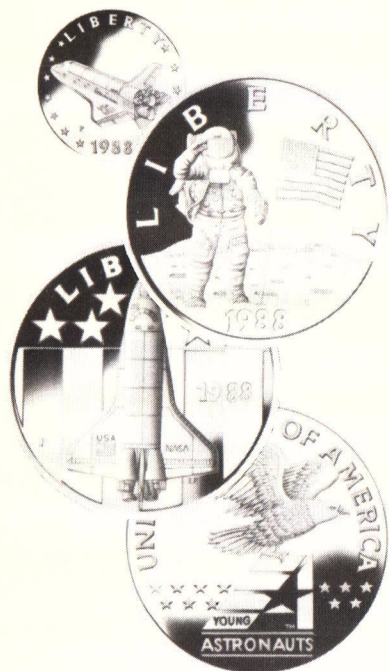
1970; bronze and silver; 3 inches and 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ inches. These medals were sold as



The Jim Thorpe medal was struck for the Oklahoma Athletic Hall of Fame Commission. Thorpe, winner of the decathlon and pentathlon in the 1912 Olympics, was the only man ever to win both events. Proceeds from sale of the medals were earmarked for restoration of Jim Thorpe's name in the Olympian record book and to return his awards to the United States and Oklahoma; creation of the Jim Thorpe Organization to honor the nation's outstanding athletes; and construction of a national headquarters for the latter organization. (#40)



The San Francisco Cable Car Centennial medal was the first national commemorative medal to be struck at the San Francisco Mint. (#39)



Authorized by Congress on May 12, 1986, by Public Law 99-295 and struck in 1988, the America in Space medals were sponsored by the non-profit Young Astronaut Program, which was created by President Reagan to "kindle the spirit of scientific inquiry and adventure among the youth of America." Congress authorized a total of 750,000 medals. They were sold in three-piece sets comprising one each in gold, silver and bronze, and in two-piece sets of one silver and one bronze. The gold medal also was sold individually. Obverses of the medals were designed by members of the Young Astronaut Program—(from top) the gold medal by Brian Kachel, the silver medal by Essan Ni, and the bronze medal by Erac Priestes. The common reverse (bottom) is the work of Robert Ahlcróna. (#44)

matched and numbered sets of one medal of each size and composition. No more than 4,000 sets were minted—initial order, 500 sets minted. In addition, the large and small silver could be ordered separately. No more than 4,000 of each size of silver coins were struck for individual sale—initial order, 1,500 of each size minted.

35. Anniversary of Birth of Jose Antonio Navarro

1971; bronze and .925 fine silver; 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ inches; 1,800 and 200 minted, respectively.

36. Roberto Walker Clemente

1972; bronze and plated bronze; 3 inches and 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ inches, respectively; 200,000 authorized. One gold medal was presented to Clemente's widow.

37. 175th Anniversary of the U.S. Frigate *Constellation*

1972; silver and bronze; 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ -inch and 3-inch silver, 3-inch bronze; 15,000 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ -inch silver, 400 3-inch silver; 2,000 3-inch bronze.

38. Expo '74

1974; .999 fine silver and bronze; 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches; mintage unknown.

39. San Francisco Cable Car Centennial

1973; .925 silver and bronze; 3 inches and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches; mintage unknown. Two gold medals were struck, one of which was presented to President Ford and the other designated for permanent display in the San Francisco archives.

40. Jim Thorpe

1973; silver and bronze; 3 inches and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches; 100,000 authorized. Fifty 3-inch gold medals were to be minted, as were some in 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch gold. Platinum and palladium issues were also planned.

41. Colorado Centennial—United States Bicentennial

1976; bronze, .900 fine silver, gold plate and gold; 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ inches; 250,000 authorized—41,000, 20,200, 5,000 and 100 minted, respectively.

42. Anniversary of Birth of Charles Carroll—Declaration of Independence Bicentennial

1976; bronze; 2 inches; 50,000 authorized—2,000 minted.

43. U.S. Capitol Historical Society 1977/78

1977; bronze, sterling silver and gold; 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch and 3-inch bronze and sterling silver, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ -inch gold; gold mintage limited to 4,000.

44. America in Space

1988; bronze, .900 fine silver and .900 fine gold; 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches and $\frac{85}{100}$ inch, respectively; 250,000 of each metal minted. Medals sold in three-piece sets comprising one of each metal, or as a two-piece set comprising one silver and one bronze. The gold medal also was sold separately. •

An ANA member since 1960, Howard L. Turner specializes in commemorative medals and is a member of the Token and Medal Society. His first installment of "Commemorative Medals Struck at the U.S. Mint" (July 1968) earned him a Heath Literary Award; the second and third parts of the series appeared in the September 1977 and November 1985 issues.

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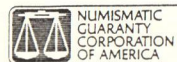


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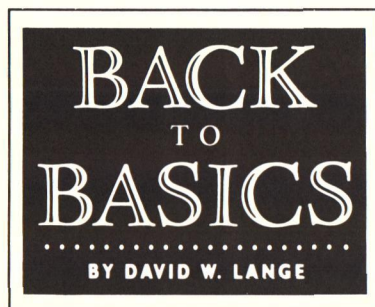
THE TOPIC OF collecting United States coins by type continues this month with an examination of half dimes. This denomination includes types that are among the most neglected in American numismatics. Few collectors seek the early issues by date and variety, so these coins are almost solely the realm of the type collector.

There is some disagreement as to which coin represents the first official half dime type. The "half disme" of 1792, so called because of its unique spelling of the value, is found in *A Guide Book of United States Coins* (the Red Book) in a section covering proposed coinage. In *Walter Breen's Complete Encyclopedia of U.S. and Colonial Coins*, Breen also segregates this 1-year type from the regular issue of half dimes.

Despite the special status placed on the 1792 half disme, some type collectors choose to include it as a part of their assemblage. How they achieve this is not certain, as no album or holder for type collecting provides a space for this piece. As is so often true with collecting by type, the decision to include this coin is a personal one based upon your reading and understanding of its origin. Of course, its Red Book valuation of \$1,400 in Good condition may also weigh heavily in your determination.

The first significant coinage of

half dimes occurred in February 1795 from dies dated 1794. In fact, Flowing Hair half dimes were coined with



both dates. The pieces dated 1795 are far more abundant and are more likely candidates for your type set. Even so, all coins of this type are considered scarce. Prices range from \$300 in About Good (AG) condition to \$2,500 in Extremely Fine (EF).

The cost of these coins is only one consideration in acquiring a type specimen. Most pieces have been cleaned at one time, and many are damaged. Quite often this damage takes a particularly disturbing form, especially when you are attempting to establish a coin's grade. Being so thin, early half dimes frequently were bent in the course of normal circulation. Although these coins can and often have been carefully straightened, their characteristic pattern of irregular wear always gives them away.

The objective in obtaining a Flowing Hair half dime, as in any coin search, is to find a problem-free piece with original surfaces. The reality is that you may have to accept something a little less. While you should still avoid damaged or irregularly worn specimens, you may have to accept a piece that has been cleaned in the past.

If properly stored, time will heal this wound to some extent, although to a trained eye your half dime will always reveal some evidence of cleaning.

If the above comments alarm you, then be prepared for a real shock when you look for the Draped Bust/Small Eagle type half dime of 1796-97. I consider this to be the single, most difficult U.S. type to obtain in problem-free condition. The typical Small Eagle half dime is poorly struck, has been bent at least once, may have been holed and repaired, exhibits numerous marks, and has been horribly cleaned by successive generations of ill-informed collectors.

Prices for this issue range from \$350 in AG to \$2,800 in EF. These coins are not often found on the bourse floor; most examples turn up at auction. Although the typical, poor-quality coin may bring less than the listed price, an original, problem-free specimen almost certainly will bring much more. You should begin your search for this type early on, as it may take a while to locate a satisfactory example.

The same obverse portrait of Liberty was resumed in 1800, but it was paired with the Heraldic Eagle introduced earlier on other silver issues. This combination was coined through 1805, at which time half dime coinage was discontinued for more than 20 years.

The half dimes of 1800-05 are plagued by the same problems as those described for earlier types. However, these issues were produced in larger quantities, and enough pieces are available that you should be able to locate one without too much trouble. Even so, they remain scarcer than the other silver denominations.



Despite the special status of the 1792 half disme, some collectors include it in type collections of half dimes.

This fact is reflected in their higher prices. A specimen grading AG is valued at only \$180. I don't recommend such a low-grade coin, as the future demand will also be low. Much better is a Good specimen valued at \$575. At the high end, a piece grading EF is valued at \$2,250. A review of this price spread, when combined with your goal of acquiring an example that is compatible with other types in your set, should determine the grade that is right for you.

Half dime coinage was discontinued after 1805 and did not resume until 1829. Understanding why it was discontinued will require some study of the manner in which the Mint performed its role.

As established by the Act of 1792, the Mint was unable to coin precious metals "for its own account." In



The objective in obtaining a Flowing Hair half dime, struck from 1794-95, is to find a problem-free piece with original surfaces; however, you may have to settle for something less.

other words, gold or silver bullion would have to be deposited with the Mint by some individual or institution for the express purpose of coining before operations could commence. Of course, the depositor had the option of having his bullion processed into either bars or coins. If he chose the latter, it was also his prerogative as to which denominations he would receive.

Since most Mint depositors were banks, they usually chose to receive

their coins in the highest denominations permitted by law, thus easing the job of counting and storing the coins. Whenever the depositor elected to leave the choice of denomination to the Mint, the latter would also coin high-value pieces. It was clearly less expensive and troublesome to coin a silver dollar than to coin 20 half dimes, yet the resulting value was the same.

For this reason, the dollar was the silver coin of choice. After the coinage of silver dollars and gold eagles was halted by order of President Thomas Jefferson, the half dollar and half eagle took their places as the preferred denominations. Smaller coins were desired by few, and their production was limited. The absence of half dime coinage in the years 1806-28 was mourned by no one.

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Liberty Capped 1794-1797	135.00	190.00	335.00	600.00	1,075	Quote	Quote
Draped Bust 1800-1808	19.50	23.00	30.00	40.00	95.00	260.00	525.00
Classic Head 1809-1835	17.00	20.00	25.00	30.00	42.00	75.00	155.00
Braided Hair 1840-1857	19.50	23.00	29.00	35.00	45.00	90.00	165.00

Large Cents	G	VG	F	VF	XF	AU	UNC
Chain Type 1793	1.650	2.400	Quote	Quote	Quote	Quote	Quote
Wreath Type 1793	700.00	900.00	1,400	Quote	Quote	Quote	Quote
Liberty Cap 1793-1796	85.00	145.00	270.00	425.00	935.00	1,650	Quote
Draped Bust 1796-1807	20.00	33.00	70.00	150.00	450.00	800.00	1,350
Classic Head 1808-1814	20.00	30.00	80.00	210.00	530.00	1,050.00	1,550
Coronet Type 1816-1839	5.50	6.50	11.00	25.00	52.00	130.00	170.00
Braided Hair 1840-1857	5.50	6.50	7.50	10.00	30.00	75.00	140.00

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Flying Eagle 1857-1858	7.50	8.50	10.00	21.00	45.00	100.00	160.00
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Copper Nickel 1860-1864	1.50	1.75	2.75	6.50	12.50	25.00	60.00
Bronze 1864-1909	.40	.50	.55	1.00	3.75	7.75	18.00

Two-Cent Piece	G	VG	F	VF	XF	AU	UNC
Large Motto 1864-1873	3.25	4.00	5.50	10.00	22.00	45.00	80.00

Silver Three-Cent	G	VG	F	VF	XF	AU	UNC
Type 1 1851-1853	8.00	9.00	10.00	15.00	32.00	80.00	100.00
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Nickel Three-Cent	G	VG	F	VF	XF	AU	UNC
..... 1865-1889	3.25	3.50	3.75	4.50	10.00	25.50	55.00

Bust Half Dimes	G	VG	F	VF	XF	AU	UNC
Flowing Hair 1794-1795	425.00	550.00	700.00	1,050	1,600	Quote	Quote
Draped Bust 1796-1797	500.00	625.00	850.00	1,400	2,250	3,525	5,500
Heraldic Eagle 1800-1805	400.00	475.00	575.00	850.00	1,600	2,250	4,950
Liberty Cap 1829-1837	11.00	12.00	15.50	31.50	70.00	175.00	275.00

Seated Half Dimes	G	VG	F	VF	XF	AU	UNC
Without Stars 1837-1838	15.00	20.00	32.50	60.00	125.00	260.00	525.00
No Drapery 1838-1840	4.00	4.50	6.00	12.00	35.00	85.00	220.00
With Stars 1838-1859	4.00	4.25	5.00	10.50	30.00	65.00	125.00
With Arrows 1853-1855	4.00	4.25	5.50	10.00	30.00	65.00	115.00
With Legend 1860-1873	4.00	4.25	4.50	8.50	15.00	35.00	105.00

Shield Nickels	G	VG	F	VF	XF	AU	UNC
With Rays 1866-1867	8.00	10.00	13.50	20.00	60.00	120.00	135.00
Without Rays 1867-1883	6.00	6.50	7.00	9.00	17.00	35.00	65.00

Liberty Nickels	G	VG	F	VF	XF	AU	UNC
Without Cents 1883	1.50	1.75	2.00	3.00	4.00	6.00	15.00
With Cents 1883-1912	.30	.50	2.35	3.25	9.00	27.00	50.00

Bust Dimes	G	VG	F	VF	XF	AU	UNC
Small Eagle 1796-1797	650.00	975.00	1,250	1,800	2,750	4,250	6,750
Heraldic Eagle 1798-1807	330.00	380.00	575.00	750.00	1,150	2,050	3,150
Liberty Cap Lg. 1809-1828	9.00	12.00	22.00	60.00	185.00	475.00	775.00
Liberty Cap Sm. 1828-1837	8.00	9.00	14.00	35.00	115.00	300.00	600.00

Seated Liberty Dimes	G	VG	F	VF	XF	AU	UNC
Without Stars 1837-1838	16.00	22.00	35.00	85.00	210.00	425.00	765.00
No Drapery 1838-1840	2.50	3.00	5.00	11.00	32.00	100.00	190.00

Seated Liberty Dimes	G	VG	F	VF	XF	AU	UNC
With Stars 1838-1860	2.50	2.75	3.25	7.00	19.00	60.00	185.00
With Arrows 1853-1855	2.50	2.75	3.75	8.00	27.00	75.00	160.00
With Legend 1860-1891	2.50	2.75	3.75	5.00	12.00	35.00	95.00
With Arrows 1873-1874	4.50	5.50	11.00	28.00	85.00	225.00	340.00

Barber Dimes	G	VG	F	VF	XF	AU	UNC
..... 1892-1916	.60	.75	1.75	4.00	12.50	30.00	85.00

Twenty-Cent Piece	G	VG	F	VF	XF	AU	UNC
..... 1875-1878	32.00	34.00	40.00	65.00	100.00	275.00	500.00

Bust Quarters	G	VG	F	VF	XF	AU	UNC
Draped Bust 1796	2,550	2,900	4,250	8,000	Quote	Quote	Quote
Heraldic Eagle 1804-1807	135.00	200.00	280.00	650.00	1,100	2,300	3,900
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Seated Liberty Quarters	G	VG	F	VF	XF	AU	UNC
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Arrows & Rays 1853	5.00	8.00	13.00	25.00	95.00	275.00	700.00
With Arrows 1854-1855	5.00	7.00	12.00	16.00	45.00	140.00	275.00
With Motto 1866-1891	5.00	7.00	12.00	14.00	31.00	70.00	170.00
With Arrows 1873-1874	7.50	10.50	16.00	40.00	125.00	250.00	525.00

Barber Quarters	G	VG	F	VF	XF	AU	UNC
..... 1892-1916	1.50	1.75	5.50	12.50	30.00	65.00	135.00

Standing Quarters	G	VG	F	VF	XF	AU	UNC
Type 1 1917	5.00	6.50	8.50	18.50	36.50	68.00	120.00
Type 2 1917-1930	1.25	1.50	3.00	8.00	15.00	35.00	65.00

Bust Halves	G	VG	F	VF	XF	AU	UNC
Flowing Hair 1794-1795	300.00	325.00	475.00	1,075	2,300	4,275	8,300
Heraldic Eagle 1801-1807	45.00	60.00	100.00	250.00	500.00	1,475	3,500
Lettered Edge 1807-1836	20.00	22.50	25.00	32.00	65.00	225.00	850.00
Reeded Edge 1836-1839	20.00	25.00	30.00	50.00	100.00	340.00	800.00

Seated Liberty Halves	G	VG	F	VF	XF	AU	UNC
No Drapery 1839	30.00	35.00	50.00	140.00	400.00	800.00	2,050
No Motto 1839-1866	9.00	14.00	23.00	30.00	50.00	95.00	285.00
Arrows & Rays 1853	10.00	15.00	27.00	55.00	150.00	340.00	1,500
With Arrows 1854-1855	9.00	15.00	25.00	30.00	65.00	170.00	400.00
With Motto 1866-1891	9.00	15.00	24.00	26.00	50.00	95.00	230.00
With Arrows 1873-1874	12.00	18.00	25.00	50.00	150.00	300.00	750.00

Barber Halves	G	VG	F	VF	XF	AU	UNC
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Bust Dollars	G	VG	F	VF	XF	AU	UNC
Flowing Hair 1794-1795	600.00	725.00	1,100	1,600	2,550	Quote	Quote
Small Eagle 1795-1798	420.00	535.00	720.00	1,300	2,475	4,500	Quote
Heraldic Eagle 1798-1804	250.00	300.00	340.00	520.00	1,075	2,650	Quote

Seated Liberty Dollars	G	VG	F	VF	XF	AU	UNC
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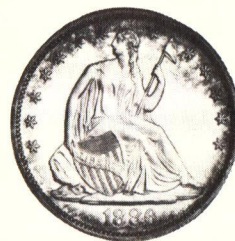
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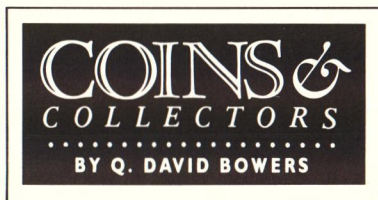
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IN THE COURSE of reading various issues of *The Numismatist* published since 1888, and in the course of my research for the ANA centennial history, I could not help but be impressed by the fact that collectors who have gone before us were primarily interested in the historical aspect of coins, the stories they could tell and the circumstances surrounding their design and production. In 1989, as was true years ago, one of the best ways to enjoy coins and to learn about them is to read.

All sorts of interesting facts can be gained in this manner, some trivial and others important. One of my favorite books is *The U.S. Mint and Coinage*, by Don Taxay, available from various

numismatic booksellers. Another—and this book may be hard to find, but you can borrow one from the ANA Li-



brary—is Cornelius Vermeule's *Numismatic Art in America: Aesthetics of U.S. Coinage*, published by the Harvard University Press, 1971. Another great reference is Dr. J. Hewitt Judd's *United States Pattern, Experimental and Trial Pieces*.

Using these and other books as a

basis, and with a copy of *A Guide Book of United States Coins* at hand to provide a basic overview, one can trace the progress of coinage designs. Take for example the Flying Eagle used on Gobrecht silver dollars of 1836-39. Tradition tells us that this bird in flight represents Peter, a mascot who lived at the Philadelphia Mint until he had the unfortunate experience of landing on a rotating flywheel. Peter's stuffed remains are on view in the lobby of the Philadelphia Mint today.

Unfortunately for silver dollar collectors, Christian Gobrecht's illustrious Flying Eagle motif was never used on that denomination after 1839. However, in 1854-55, when James B. Longacre prepared pattern designs intended

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When Longacre created a new design to replace the "large" cents, the image of Peter the Eagle was resurrected.

to replace the "large" cents, the image of Peter was resurrected, and the Flying Eagle motif was employed. This was transferred in reduced form to the famous 1856 Flying Eagle pattern, a piece that today is one of the most popular rarities in numismatics. Millions of similar pieces were minted for circulation in 1857 and 1858, after which the Flying Eagle motif was forgotten.

Enter Augustus Saint-Gaudens, who

in 1905 was commissioned by President Theodore Roosevelt to redesign our entire coinage from the cent to the double eagle. Working in his Cornish, New Hampshire, studio, he prepared sketches for various denominations. In correspondence dated June 28, 1906, to President Theodore Roosevelt, Saint-Gaudens said in part:

Now I am attacking the cent. It may interest you to know that on the "Liberty" side of the cent I am using a flying eagle, a modification of the device which was used on the cent of 1857. I have not seen that coin for many years, and was so impressed by it, that I thought if carried out with some modifications, nothing better could be done. It is by all odds the best design of any American coin.

Although a new Flying Eagle cent

by Augustus Saint-Gaudens never became a reality, the Flying Eagle motif was adapted for the reverse of the 1907 \$20 piece and continued in use through 1933.

Peter in coinage form may have lived even longer had he been used on the reverse of the 1932 Washington quarter dollar. Chairman Moore of the Commission of Fine Arts, in correspondence to Secretary of the Treasury Andrew Mellon on January 20, 1931, noted, in part:

The Commission also considered a suggestion that the Saint-Gaudens eagle on the twenty dollar gold piece be used for the reverse. They considered that to use a design that had been used on another coin would be unfortunate and sure to provoke criticism. Moreover, the eagle as it now appears on the coin [the \$20 gold piece] has lost



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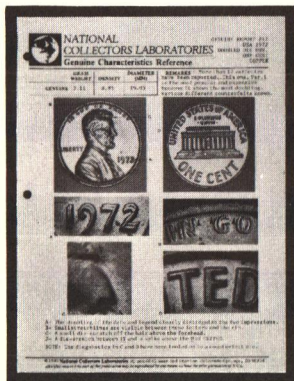
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that essential quality which Saint-Gaudens gave to it. In reducing the relief, vigor has been lost. Now the eagle has the quality of an engraving. It has been a picture instead of an emblem.

The reference was to the reduction in relief that took place following the artist's MCMVII design in 1907; issues from late 1907 through 1933 were in shallow relief on both the obverse and reverse.

On the subject of eagles on American coinage, much more can be said. Note, for example, the relationship between that used on the reverse of the 1875-78 20-cent pieces and that on the 1873-1885 trade dollars. Eagles on coins can be heraldic, flying, traditional, modern, perched, and any one of various other styles and configurations. That on the reverse of the 1935



Stories surrounding the Flying Eagle used on Gobrecht silver dollars of 1836-39 maintain that the bird represents Peter, the Philadelphia Mint's mascot.

Connecticut commemorative half dollar seems to be poised for a flight to outer space, while the bird on the reverse of the 1921-35 Peace dollar seems to be docile and content, perhaps appropriate for the dollar on which it appears.

The eagle on the reverse of the 1948-63 Franklin half dollar is so small as to be almost unnoticeable, but when noticed it does bear a resemblance to that used on the Washington quarter from 1932 onward. The bold heraldic eagle on the reverse of the 1964 and later Kennedy half dollars is adapted from the Presidential Seal and is similar in concept to that used on 1892-1916 Barber quarters and half dollars (not to overlook various silver and gold coins from the late 1790s through the early part of the next century), except that these early issues have the arrows and

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olive branch in different talons of the eagle. The bird on the reverse of the 1794-95 Flowing Hair silver coins is quite delicate and possesses a graceful beauty and artistry that is somewhat lost in the later heraldic design, which by contrast seem militaristic.

Perhaps the most familiar of all eagles to the coin collector, at least on 19th-century coinage, is found on the reverse of the Morgan silver dollar, a style that is widely admired today, but which in its time was roundly criticized. Relatively little known is the fact that the 1878 Morgan silver dollar design was not original; it was copied from Morgan's design for a pattern half dollar made the year before.

Then there is the subject of owls on coins, a rare bird to be sure, but one with a rich tradition, dating from early Athenian coinage right down to the

American series, where in the latter it can be found gracing the reverse of that most impressive commemorative coin: the \$50 gold issue of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in 1915.

And don't forget the other side of the coin, the obverse, with many depictions of Miss Liberty. Each has its own story to tell, too. Some stories are well known, such as the modeling by Miss Anna Williams for the 1877 pattern half dollar which led to the 1878 Morgan dollar. Other representations of Miss Liberty are shrouded in secrecy (take the so-called 1795 Jefferson Head cent, of which little factual information has ever come to light).

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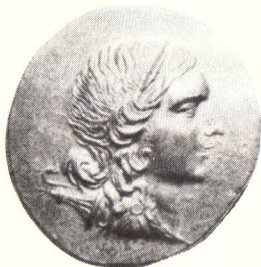




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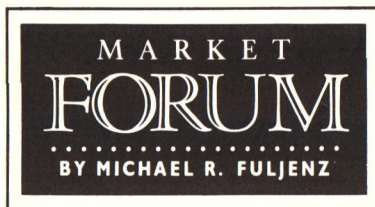
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Fall Auctions Forecast Upcoming Market

THE KEY WORDS in the rare coin market are still "sight seen," as bids on the American Numismatic Exchange (ANE) continue to be soft in many areas. Bidders who are "cash short" simply do not want to buy *just anything* at stronger levels. Conversely, owners are not selling what they consider to be attractive coins at anywhere near bid levels. In some cases, the spread between the high "bid" and low "ask" on ANE is as much as 100 percent. Sight-unseen transactions are being conducted in this environment, but the "real" money is being reserved for the "right" coins.

In many cases, the right coins are appearing in a series of major auctions this fall. The most recent Stack's auc-

tion garnered \$2.2 million and was quickly followed by the Bowers and Merena Kissel and Victoria Collections



Sale, which realized \$4.6 million. Next on the agenda is Superior's 6,200-lot Jascha Heifetz auction, which has a good chance of becoming the highest-grossing coin sale ever. The listings are so strong across the U.S. issues that most industry writers are at a loss to

pick out any particular series to extol.

Historically, an auction of this magnitude forecasts the strength of the upcoming market. If prices for the traditional rarities prove strong, confidence and increased activity in the rest of the market should follow.

Precious Metals

As of September 28, 1989, gold was selling for \$366.40 per ounce, silver for \$5.26, and platinum for \$491.50. Metals have strengthened slightly since last report, but have remained mostly level during the past week.

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is entering the coin market, but not quite as quickly as some anticipated. Several major firms are still gearing up for rare coin expansion, and as their participation increases, this area will strengthen accordingly. Prices for deep mirror prooflike coins and most better-date dollars are rebounding in the general numismatic marketplace.

U.S. Gold

The market in gold has continued to soften, although several issues appear to have reached their lowest levels and are rebounding. Demand has increased for most MS-63 examples and bids for that grade are edging up. Proof gold type seems to have stabilized, and one rare date, the proof-only 1863 \$2½, was auctioned recently for \$60,500 in ANACS Proof-65.



The commemorative coin market has continued to slide in recent months, although the Isabella quarter has shown modest gains in higher grades.

Commemoratives

In general, commemoratives have continued to slide, as most dealers find themselves with large inventories. The few exceptions are our first commems—the Isabella quarter and the Colum-

bian Expo half dollars. During the last two weeks of September, the quarter showed modest gains of about 4 percent in MS-63, MS-64 and MS-65. In the same grades, the half dollars have appreciated 20 percent, 9 percent and 11 percent, respectively, during this period. Demand is increasing in anticipation of the 500th anniversary in 1992 of Columbus' discovery of America.

Type Coins

Bid levels for type coins have continued to drop, but if you are looking for something in particular, be prepared to pay a substantial premium for a coin you really want. Type coins exhibit the widest electronic spreads between bid and ask, and it is in this area that personal knowledge of coins is essential in making sight-seen purchases. •

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really eat most of the Democrats of Hinsdale County?

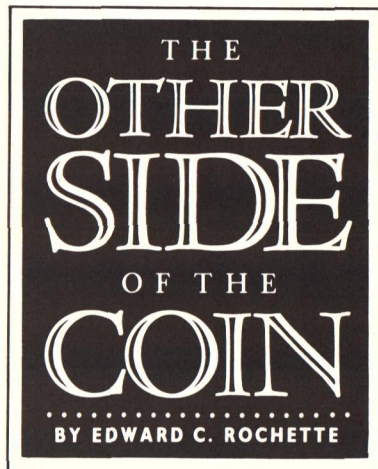
Had the late Clark S. Yowell been

his name, is one example of Yowell's investigative reporting. The original Congressional legislation called for the striking of 1,000 silver and 2,000 bronze medals. Yet, a half century later, it was quite obvious to collectors that far more had been made than was called for in the original bill. Yowell found city records showing that almost 7,000 were sold at the time of the anniversary ceremonies in 1906.

Then, in 1955, as workmen prepared to raze a bank building in downtown Colorado Springs, they discovered more medals—a long-forgotten hoard of 4,200 medals packed in wooden crates. Yowell was instrumental in disposing of the newfound surplus. He even talked then-Mayor William C. Henderson into having the city purchase 100 each of the silver and bronze medals and mount them in appropriately marked plastic holders for presentation to VIP visitors to Colorado Springs.

Yowell's numismatic writing was polished by years of career newspaper work. He had been a photographer and newsman for Colorado Springs' *Gazette Telegraph* and *Colorado Springs Free Press*. For the latter he wrote "Loose Gravel," a feature column. In Yowell's retirement years, his pursuit of local history brought him to the Pioneers Museum, where he labored as an assistant curator. But it was his employment as a civilian clerk with the Colorado Springs Police Department that introduced him to Packeriana.

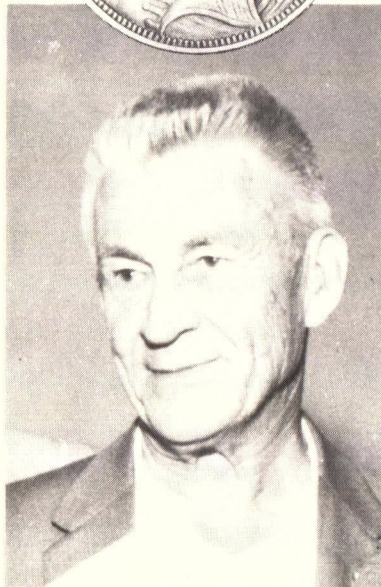
Alferd Packer was a Western character whose name became legend the moment he stepped out of the woods near the Los Piños Indian Agency on April 16, 1874. Six months earlier he had led a party of 21 into the wintry



around, he would have been hard-pressed to make the choice between attending the summer seminar sessions at Colorado College or joining the dig at Dead Man's Gulch near Lake City. Yowell was as much a Packeriana collector as he was a numismatist.

Yowell died in Colorado Springs on April 30, 1975, less than a decade after ANA headquarters was established there, but not before he left an indelible mark on the hobby. He was one of the unsung heroes who labored to have the city at the base of Pikes Peak chosen as the site of the ANA's national home. Yowell's quest for the unusual in the field of Western exnumia led to the sharing of his discoveries in *The Numismatist*.

The story behind the Southwestern Expedition Commemorative medal, struck by the United States Mint in 1906 and issued on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Zebulon Pike's discovery of the peak that now bears



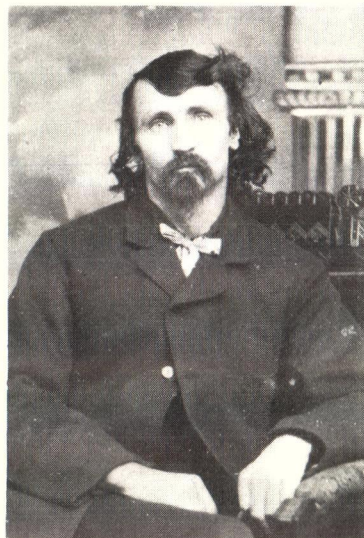
A long-forgotten hoard of Zebulon Pike medals, struck by the U.S. Mint, was discovered while razing an old bank building in Colorado Springs in 1955. Clark S. Yowell was instrumental in disposing of the surplus.

mountains in search of gold. Within weeks the party stumbled into a Ute Indian camp, realizing that their guide had neither the experience nor the expertise he claimed. Still, on February 9, 1874, five of the prospectors—Wilson Bell, James Humphrey, Frank Miller, George Noon and Israel Swan—possibly blinded by their greed for gold, elected to stick with Packer and head out once again. Nothing was heard of the group until Packer showed up at the Indian Agency.

Packer's story might never have become known had he himself not complained that he had been left behind by his companions after becoming snow-blind and footsore. Chance brought a few members of the original prospecting party into the agency at the same time. They noticed that their former guide sported the skinning knife

of one of the missing five, the rifle of another. Furthermore, Packer had been broke when they all parted company in February; now he was spending money quite freely, especially at the local saloon. However, far more suspicious was the fact that Packer seemed to have put on "a damned lot of weight" while he was lost in the woods without food or shelter.

Questioned by local authorities, Packer changed his story. He said that Swan had died from lack of food, then Humphrey succumbed a few days later. The survivors, realizing what was in store for themselves, took to living off the flesh of their two departed comrades. Later, when Packer was off getting wood, Miller died from an "accidental" gunshot. Then, Bell—mad from hunger—shot Noon, leaving Packer to shoot Bell in self-defense.



Alferd Packer managed to escape hanging, and after 15 years as a model prisoner, he was paroled. He lived out his days in a shack in Littleton, Colorado.

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The doubting authorities arrested Packer on suspicion of murder, but he managed to escape before the unburied bodies of his five followers were found later that summer.

When apprehended nine years later, Packer had assumed a new identity—George Schwartz—and concocted a new story to tell. This time he laid the blame for all the deaths on Wilson Bell, saying that Bell had butchered the four others. Packer had shot Bell in self-defense. No one believed him, neither judge nor jury. Sentenced to be hanged, Packer was saved from the hangman's noose by a legal loophole.

For his next trial Packer was charged with manslaughter. He was found guilty and sentenced to 40 years in the Colorado State Penitentiary. While a change in Colorado state law saved Packer from hanging, it failed to save

the judge from the apocryphal credit for the statement, made while pronouncing Packer's death sentence, "There was only seven Dimmycrats in all of Hinsdale County, and you, you voracious, man eatin' s.o.b., you et five of 'em. I sentence you to hang, hang, hang."

Not only did Packer escape hanging, but after 15 years as a model prisoner, he was paroled. He lived out his days in a shack in Littleton, Colorado, and local children used to gather around to hear him recount tales of the Old West.

While incarcerated, Packer spent much of his time making toys for children. A wooden, two-story doll house that he built is now in the possession of the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum. And among the Packeriana in Clark Yowell's collection

was a pocket knife. Yowell never identified if it had been used to whittle wood or bone.

The archaeological dig at Dead Man's Gulch yielded sufficient forensic evidence to determine that neither judge nor jury had made a mistake. Curiously, while the 66 artifacts found at the victims' grave site included 21 brass, military-style buttons from the period of 1854-84, there was nary a coin.

The Alferd Packer legend has spawned a number of pseudo-memorials. Recalling the judge's alleged charge, a local Republican group sustains an Alferd Packer Luncheon Club. For years the University of Colorado's cafeteria was known informally as the Alferd E. Packer Memorial Grill, at least until a spoilsport pointed out that Packer preferred his meat "à tartar."



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Clark Yowell would have enjoyed this past summer's archaeological shindig. He could have added to his collection, for helpers received bright yellow T-shirts emblazoned with a logo showing five skulls and the motto "Gimme Five—The Packer Project."

Sale of the bizarre T-shirts helped underwrite expedition costs for George Washington University law professor James E. Starrs. He had hoped to exonerate Packer. He was as successful as the diggers were in finding coins from the pockets of the victims. The Packer legend remains unchanged. •

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AMONG THE MOST frequent complaints that I see are those from people who have expected to make huge profits from investing in rare coins, only to find that, when it is time to sell, the investment has not done well and in fact may have decreased in value. In some cases these would-be investors never had a chance to profit from their coins because the pieces were overgraded or misrepresented right from the start. In other cases the problem seems to stem from overpricing and failing to disclose the normal risks associated with investing in coins. Other common deceptions play on the popular belief that rare coins may offer the highest return of any tangible investment, and overstate

the possible value of these coins at the time of liquidation.

Any new investor in rare coins



should be aware of the potential risks that go along with the rich rewards sometimes associated with owning rare coins. He needs to know that there may be subtle differences in the quality and value of coins that cannot always be determined merely from the stated grade; that there are honest—and

dishonest—differences of opinion about grade; that coins must be held for long-term appreciation; and that there is substantial dealer profit attached to both buying and selling coins.

Yes, investing in coins can be very rewarding, but it can also be a risky business for anyone who is not aware of the pitfalls. Beginners would be well advised to study the market carefully before committing the "family farm." Any dealer not prepared to discuss these risks openly and honestly with a client should be avoided for being part of the risk.

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been curious to find out what was meant by the headline in a recent magazine advertisement offering "The 'Lost' Silver Coin," a coin reportedly struck at the U.S. Mint in San Francisco some 40 years ago and virtually forgotten until now. It was a silver dollar-size coin at that, struck to commemorate General Douglas MacArthur.

Everything this ad says about the coin is true, even the part about these coins being virtually forgotten in recent years. Of course they were not lost, left in storage or anything like that, but lately very little attention has been paid to the 1947 issue of commemorative coins made for the Philippines to honor its defender and liberator, General MacArthur. I have long held a theory that these coins—the silver 1-peso and 50-centavo pieces—were never very popular because of their

weakly struck designs. Surely, they should have received more attention as the first national coin to honor this popular World War II hero and as a silver issue struck in limited quantities at a U.S. Mint.

How this promoter came up with a quantity of these dollar-size pesos is not explained, but these are all in MS-60 condition ("Choice Uncirculated" they say, but everybody abuses those words today), and I believe they really are limiting sales to one per customer. I can understand why. It is not likely that they have a large quantity; only 100,000 were originally minted, and many were circulated or melted down.

If there is a catch here, it is only that these are not U.S. commemorative coins, but, rather, Philippine coins that were made at the San Francisco Mint. And there is nothing unusual about

that; many Philippine coins have been produced here over the years. The ad, however, presents the pieces accurately and only exaggerates a bit by calling them "really beautiful" and "a perfect heirloom for your family." There is not even a hint that this is an investment. It is called a collector's coin, and indeed it is—and a nice one at that. The price of \$39.50 plus \$2.50 for postage and handling seems a bit stiff when compared to the *Standard Catalog* value of \$15, but I think buyers will be happy with this unusual and genuine collector's coin.

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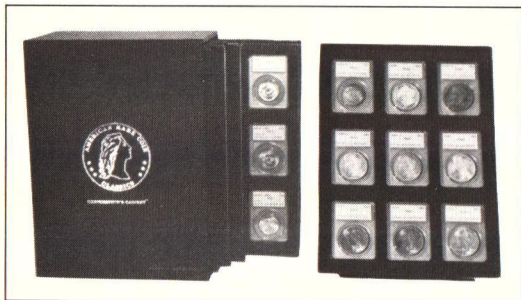
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EAST

NOVEMBER

5 PORTLAND, ME. Holiday Inn (exit 8 off Maine Tpk.). Gorham Coin Club Coin Show. Charles A. Roberts, c/o GCC, 37 Anson Rd., Portland, ME 04102.

11-12 LAVALE, MD. LaVale Fire Hall, 421 National Hwy. (3 miles west of Cumberland, MD). Western Maryland Coin Show sponsored by the Western Maryland Coin Club. George Waingold, Bourse Chairman, 1260 Vocke Rd., LaVale, MD 21502-7548, telephone 301/729-0777.

18-19 PARKERSBURG, WV. Holiday Inn, I-77 & Rt. 50. Parkersburg Coin Club 16th Annual Fall Show. Tim Miller, 4216 Jefferson St., Parkersburg, WV 26101, telephone 304/422-4375.

24-26 WHITE PLAINS, NY. Westchester County Center, Bronx River Pkwy. & Tarrytown Rd. Westchester Coin & Paper Money Show co-hosted by the White Plains Coin Club. Earl H. Peltin,

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NOVEMBER

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4-5 LAWTON, OK. Howard Johnson Hotel, I-44 at Gore Blvd. exit. Gold Mine XIV Coin & Stamp Show hosted by the Comanche County Coin Club. CCCC, Box 6555, Lawton, OK 73506.

10-12 LITTLE ROCK, AR. Camelot Hotel, Markham & Broadway. Arkan-

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11-12 PARIS, TX. Exhibit Bldg., Fairgrounds. North Star of Texas Coin Club Show. Bob Holladay, 14 Lamar Ave., Paris, TX 75460, telephone 214/785-9246.

17-19 ST. PETERSBURG, FL. National Guard Armory, 3601 38th Ave. S. "Pete-Port" Coin Show co-sponsored by the St. Petersburg Coin Clubs. Mary Leeuw, P.O. Box 7934, St. Petersburg, FL 33734-7934, telephone 813/527-5077.

19 FT. LAUDERDALE, FL. Coral Ridge Mall, Oak Lawn Park & Federal Hwy. Ft. Lauderdale Coin Club Show. E.O. Smith, 301 S.W. 75th Terr., Plantation, FL 33317, telephone 305/791-6198.

24-25 MEMPHIS, TN. Holiday Inn East, 5795 Poplar Ave. at I-240. Annual Thanksgiving Weekend Show sponsored by the Whitehaven Coin Club. Corbitt Chandler, P.O. Box 381561, Germantown, TN 38183.

26 MIAMI, FL. Greenery Mall, 7700 N. Kendall Dr. (Rt. 94), Palmetto Bypass to Dadelands. Collectibles Show conducted by the Professional Coin Dealers Association of South Florida. Warren Davis, c/o PCDSAF, P.O. Box 1, Miami, FL 33163, telephone 305/891-6544.

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2-3 JACKSON, MS. Metro Ramada Inn, I-20 west at Ellis Ave. Greater Jackson Coin Show co-hosted by the Ridgeland Coin Club. Royce Williams, P.O. Box 55894, Jackson, MS 39216-5894.

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25-28 HOUSTON, TX. Adam's Mark Hotel, 2900 Briarpark. 33rd Annual Money show conducted by the Greater

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4 KALAMAZOO, MI. County Center Bldg., 2900 Lake St. Kalamazoo Coin Club Fall Coin Show. Russ Barr, P.O. Box 462, Portage, MI 49081.

4-5 KEOKUK, IA. Keosippi Mall, 300 Main St. Keokuk Coin Club Fall Coin & Hobby Show. Tom Gardner, c/o KCC, P.O. Box 172, Keokuk, IA 52632.

5 ANTIOCH, IL. Antioch Community High School, junction Hwys. 173 & 83. 15th Annual Antioch Coin Club Show. Leo Wazelle, Box 161, Camp Lake, WI 53109, telephone 414/889-4611.

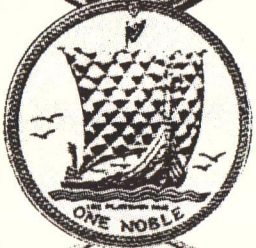
5 DETROIT, MI. Cardinal Mooney K of C Hall, 25300 W. Five Mile. 28th Annual Fall Coin Show of the Northwest Detroit Coin Club. Tom Gillet, P.O. Box 16231, Lansing, MI 48901.

5 URBANA, IL. Urbana Civic Center, 108 Water St. Champaign-Urbana Coin Club Annual Coin Show. Keith LeSeure, 1909 Moraine Dr., Champaign, IL 61821.

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4-5 FRESNO, CA. Airport Holiday Inn. Fresno Numismatic Society 23rd Annual Coin-a-Rama. Steve Foster, 4376 N. Blackstone, Fresno, CA 93726, telephone 209/222-COIN.

4-5 TACOMA, WA. Sherwood Inn, 8402 S. Hosmer. Semi-Annual Coin Show sponsored by Tacoma-Lakewood Coin Club. Larry King, P.O. Box 9389, Tacoma, WA 98409.

11-12 RICHLAND, WA. Shilo Rivershore Inn. Tri City Coin Club 30th Annual Coin Show. Jim Sachse, c/o TCCC, 5512 W. 4th Ave., Kennewick, WA 99336.

12 PALO ALTO, CA. Hyatt Palo Alto, 4290 El Camino Real. Peninsula Coin Club 10th Annual Show. Fred G. van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, CA 94306.

12 SCOTTSDALE, AZ. Knights of Columbus Hall, Post 720, 4208 N. 82nd St. Coin & Collectible Show presented by the Camelback Collectibles Club. Bob Phelan, c/o CCC, P.O. Box 15005, Phoenix, AZ 85060.

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8th Annual Show. Albert Beck, 1040 Village Ln., Chico, CA 95926, telephone 916/345-7969.

10 CONCORD, CA. Concord Hilton, 1970 Diamond Blvd. (off 680 at Willow Pass, or Concord Ave. east to Diamond). Diablo Numismatic Society 28th Annual Diablo Coin Show. Mike Stanley, 2107 Gill Dr., Concord, CA 94520.

10 CORVALLIS, OR. O'Callahan's Restaurant in Nendels Inn, 1550 N.W. 9th. Corvallis Coin Club Coin, Stamp & Jewelry Show. Bob Henderson, P.O. Box 820, Corvallis, OR 97339, telephone 503/752-4371.

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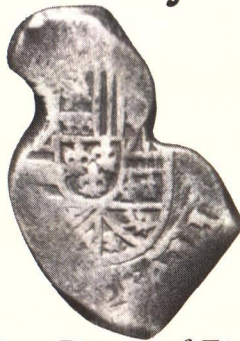
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19-21 SAN JOSE, CA. New San Jose Convention Center, San Carlos St. & Almaden Blvd. 22nd Annual Coin Show & Educational Forum sponsored by the San Jose Coin Club. Ken Barr, P. O. Box 32451, San Jose, CA 95152, telephone 408/272-3247.

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MARCH 1990

2-4 SAN DIEGO, CA. Town &

Country Hotel, 500 Hotel Circle N. 12th Annual Midwinter Convention hosted by the San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council. Dorothy Baber, General Chairman, 611 Oakwood Way, El Cajon, CA 92021. Auction by Early American Numismatics, P.O. Box 2442, La Jolla, CA 92038, telephone 619/273-3566.

JULY 1990

8-14 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO. The Colorado College. 22nd Annual Summer Seminar. Judy Padgett or James Taylor, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279, telephone 800/367-9723.

AUGUST 1990

22-26 SEATTLE, WA. Washington State Convention Center/Seattle

Sheraton Hotel & Towers. 99th Anniversary Convention. Hosted by the Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association. Larry Rowe, General Chairman, 11012 N.E. Sherwood Dr., Vancouver, WA 98686. Auction by Heritage Numismatic Auctions, Inc., Heritage Bldg., 311 Market St., Dallas, TX 75202, telephone 800/872-6467 (in Texas call 214/742-2200).

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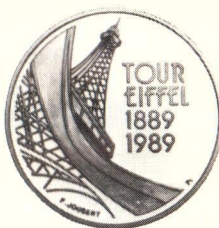
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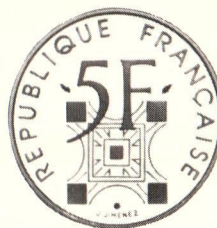
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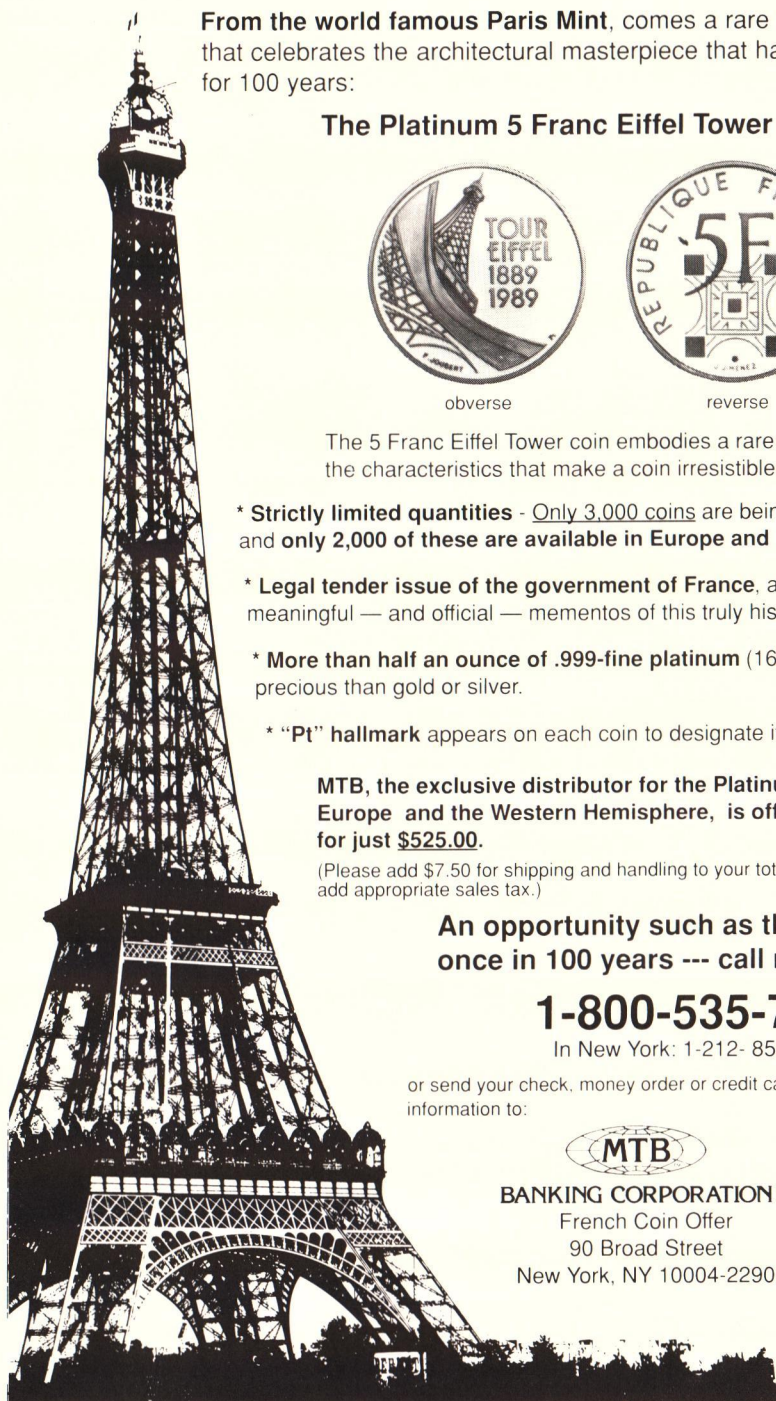


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At the September meeting of the Currency Club of New England (C-14808), author Ray A. Bows discussed his book *Vietnam Military Lore 1959-1973 . . . Another Way to*



This elongated cent was produced as a memento for the 1989 Numismatists of Wisconsin convention hosted by the Milwaukee Numismatic Society.

Remember. The book focuses on the types of monies used during the conflict, as well as military currency, tokens, decorations and other numismatic collectibles. Anyone wishing more information about the club can contact Roger H. Durand, P.O. Box 512, North Andover, MA 01845.

Mike Stanley, president of the Valjejo Numismatic Society of California (C-22852), received the club's highest

honor, the Silver Service Medal, for his contributions to the field of numismatics. Stanley was given the award during the group's 35th anniversary celebration in August. Participants in the celebration received Lincoln cents to commemorate the 80th birthday of Victor David Brenner's Lincoln-cent design.

The Milwaukee Numismatic Society (LC-15) hosted the Numismatists of Wisconsin (C-44000) 29th Anniversary Convention and produced two collectibles as mementos of the occasion. An offset souvenir card, produced by Tom Snyder, Nancy Wilson and John Wilson, features a vignette of Santa Claus on a \$5 Bank of Milwaukee note. The other item is an elongated cent, the production of which has been limited to 550 pieces. The offset souvenir card is available for

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Nathan Miller, a young member of California's Cupertino Coin Club (C-70891), took top prize in the "Mid-Year Countoff." Miller was the only member to find, in pocket change, all 64 coins in the Lincoln cent series needed to win the contest. It was ascertained that the most difficult coin to find was the 1959 Philadelphia cent, with only two contestants reporting success. Conversely, the most common coins were the 1967, 1974-D, 1977-D, 1979, 1979-D, 1980, 1981, 1983-D and 1984-D.

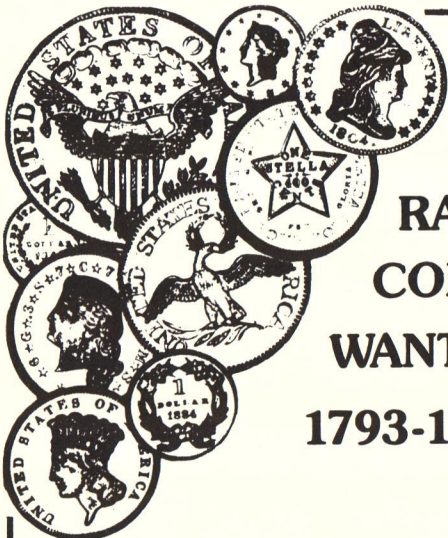
In 1987 Pete Burris of the Baltimore Coin Club (C-4908) wanted to instruct a class in numismatics and approached the Robert Poole Middle School in Hampden, Maryland, to test it out. The group met every Friday for six weeks. At the end of that time, students who sufficiently completed their coin collections were awarded an Eisenhower dollar enclosed in a 2 x 2-inch envelope inscribed with the recipient's name, school and date.

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At the annual coin show and exposition of the Northern California Nu-

mismatic Association (C-44444), Edward Sins and Michael S. ("Stan") Turrini each were presented an uncirculated Liberty \$20 gold piece mounted in a specially made Capital Plastics holder engraved with words of appreciation and award. NCNA President Robert Mish presented the awards, noting each gentleman's years of involvement in NCNA and intense and loyal service to the Association and the hobby.

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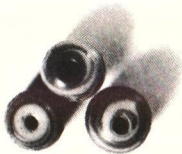
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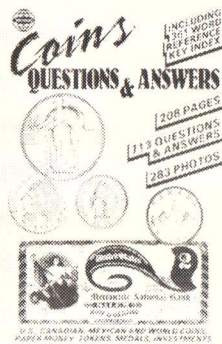
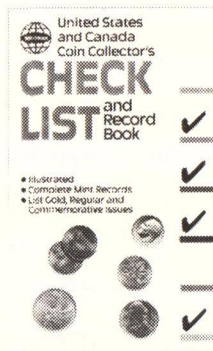
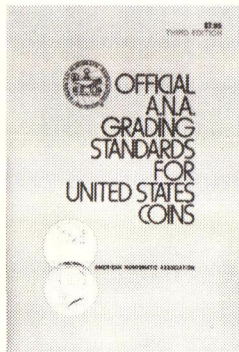
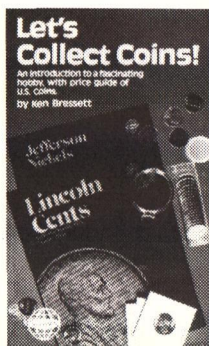
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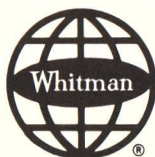
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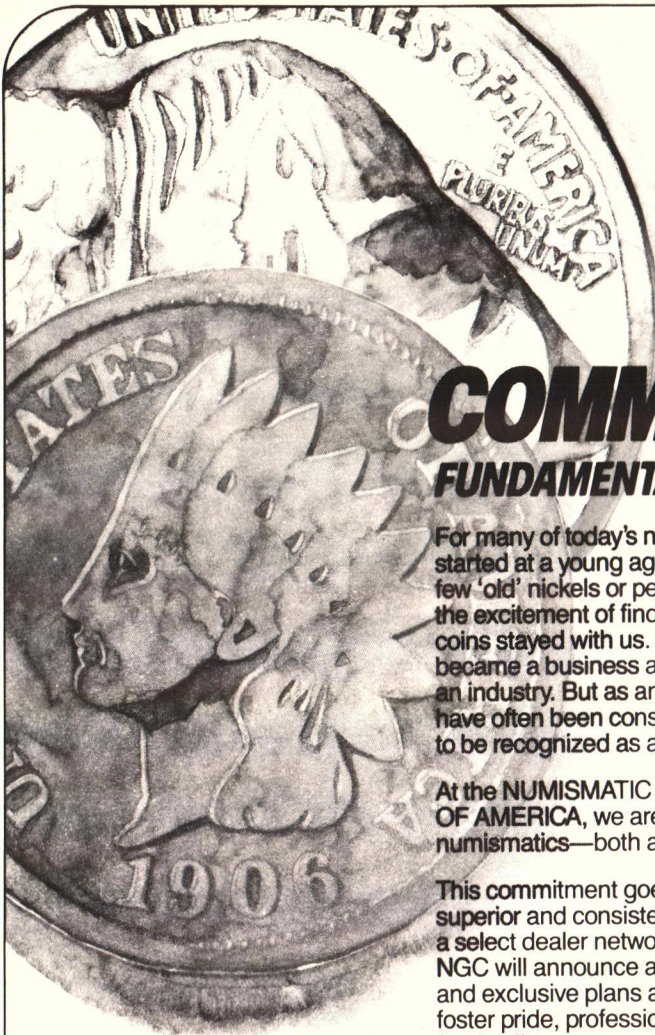


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Obituaries

WILLIAM F. SWAGLER—ANA 75708

Baltimore numismatist William F. Swagler passed away August 20, 1989, in Fullerton, Maryland. He was 67.

Swagler served as treasurer of the Maryland State Numismatic Association since 1982, was past treasurer of the Baltimore Coin Club, and was a member of the Perry Hall Coin Club, Belmar Coin Club, Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association, Maryland Token and Medal Society, and Hartford Coin Huskers, where he got his start in numismatics in 1974 and



William F. Swagler was an ANA member since 1973. His involvement in many numismatic shows and events will be remembered by those who worked alongside him.

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served a term as its president.

Swagler also was active on the board of Associated Coin Clubs. He joined The Elongated Collectors while attending the American Numismatic Association's 98th Anniversary Convention in Pittsburgh in August.

An active participant in the 1985 ANA convention in Baltimore, Swagler was successful in getting the ANA to return to Baltimore for its 102nd Anniversary Convention in 1993.

William Swagler is survived by his wife, a sister, seven stepchildren, and numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

CYRUS H. PHILLIPS SR.—ANA 10100

Well-known Southern California numismatist Cyrus H. Phillips Sr. passed away August 20 following a brief illness. He was 83.

Active in Southern California numismatics for many years and a familiar figure at clubs and shows, he will be missed by his many friends in the hobby.

Phillips originally joined the American Numismatic Association in 1944 while living in Tenaflly, New Jersey, but moved to California a few years later. He worked in the public relations department of Bank of America, presenting lectures on the historical background of American coinage at schools and service clubs.

His coin collection often was exhibited during opening ceremonies to introduce the bank's new branch offices. After his retirement, the bank purchased his collection and has displayed it at museums throughout the State of California.

Phillips is survived by his wife,

Hazel; sons, Cyrus Jr. and Wayne; and five grandchildren.

LESLIE HEILBRONNER—ANA 32424

New York numismatist Leslie Heilbronner passed away April 17, 1988, in Chicago. He was 57.

Heilbronner was an avid collector of coins, tokens and paper money and could often be found either dealing or collecting coins at functions in western New York.

An active dealer at Dansville Coin Shows in Syracuse and Rochester, Heilbronner was also an auctioneer for the Perry Coin and Stamp Club. He was a member of Early American Copers, the American Numismatic Society and the Rochester Coin Club.

He is survived by his parents, Harry and Dora Loeb Heilbronner; a brother, Warren; and three nephews. •

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Seeing Double

THIS MONTH'S COLUMN deals with doubled dies, particularly appropriate because the ANA Certification Service receives many requests each month for doubled die attribution. These popular errors occur during the hubbing or die-making process, resulting in some portion of the design being doubled on the completed die.

Doubled dies frequently can be cherry-picked from a dealer's stock or from your own collection, but only if you know what to look for. For example, take a look at the 1969-S doubled die obverse Lincoln cent shown here. Note the strength of the doubling and the distinctly separate, rounded images. The 1969-S is similar in appearance to the 1972 doubled die

obverse cent and, like the 1972, is a Class I (rotated hub) doubled die.

Because of the rarity and value of



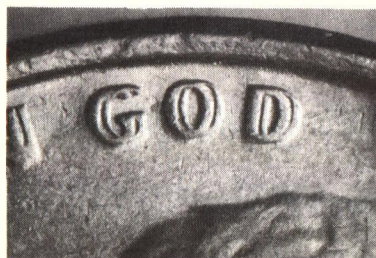
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genuine 1969-S doubled die obverse cents, many 1969-S cents that display "machine doubling" in the date and mintmark area are submitted to ANACS. Machine doubling results from a mechanical error—not from the die itself—and occurs when the coin is struck.

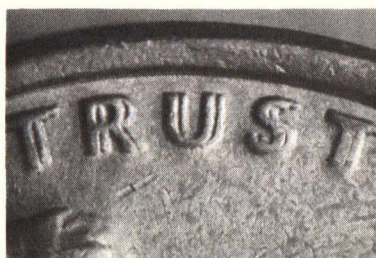
Such doubling is fairly common on 1969-S cents, which is unfortunate for some collectors and their checkbooks. Those unfamiliar with doubled dies may discover a coin with machine doubling, compare it to the photograph in *A Guide Book of United States Coins* (which shows only the date and mintmark of a genuine doubled die), and send it to ANACS, only to be disappointed. Remember, an actual 1969-S doubled die obverse cent shows strong



The doubling on a 1969-S doubled die obverse cent is strong, with distinctly separate, rounded images.



A 1969-S doubled die obverse cent shows strong doubling on the date and on IN GOD WE TRUST.



Actual Size: 19.5mm

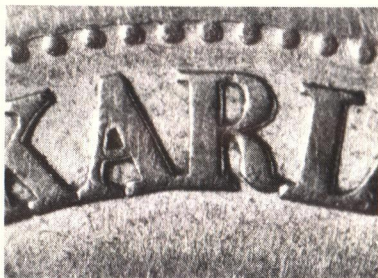
An 1876-F doubled die obverse 10-mark piece from the German state of Württemberg is a good example of Class V (pivoted hub) doubling.

doubling on the date *and* on IN GOD WE TRUST and LIBERTY.

Proper identification is further complicated for the novice in that the genuine doubled die coin also displays machine doubling on its mintmark. Generally, doubling on the mintmark of a U.S. coin is a sign that the coin is not a doubled die, because the mintmark is punched into the die after the hubbing process. However, machine doubling can and does occur on coins that are genuine doubled dies.

For example, compare the doubling on the S mintmark to that on any portion of the date, motto or LIBERTY. Machine doubling has a flat, shelf-like appearance compared to the raised, rounded images of a true doubled die.

Also illustrated is a Class V (pivoted



Doubling on the gold 10 marks is best seen on KARL and on the BERG of WUERTTEMBERG.

hub) 1876-F doubled die obverse 10-mark piece from the German state of Württemberg. Class I and Class V doubling occur in similar ways (see "Understanding Doubled Dies" in the June and July 1989 issues of *The Numismatist*). The doubling on this gold coin is best seen on KARL and on the BERG of WUERTTEMBERG.

Finally, we note an 1858/7 Flying Eagle cent, a little-known variety that occurred when an 1858 date punch was used on a die that previously had been impressed by an 1857 punch. (Since the date was punched in rather than hubbed, this coin does not qualify as a Class III doubled die.) Most of the 1857 date was polished off the die before the new 1858 date was punched in. This likely was an economic move so that a perfectly good die with only a wrong date would not



The 1858/7 doubled die obverse Flying Eagle cent exhibits a "separated" wing tip, caused by overzealous die polishing.

have to be discarded.

Aside from the obvious corner of the 7 showing above the second 8, the 1858/7 Flying Eagle cent has two more diagnostics: a die chip in the field above the date and below the eagle, and a "separated" wing tip, caused by overzealous die polishing. •

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Date	PCGS Grade	Rarity Factor*	Comments	Price
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GOLD DOLLARS

1852	AU-58	2x	Type I, Rich gold color, very attractive	\$350
1854-1	AU-53	4x	Scarce type II, well struck, Trends \$1750	\$1495
1854-S	AU-58	60x	Scarce, 1st year-S mint, Trends \$1850	\$1095

GOLD \$2-1/2 LIBERTY (CORONET TYPE), 1840-1907

1843-O	VF-35	+ 400x	Small date, Tiny Stars Breen 6172, rare!	\$335
1851	XF-40		ANACS, Doubled date - Breen 6210	\$245
1869-S	VF-30	40x	Very scarce, only 150 known, 3 graded better	\$395
1879	MS-62	60x	Scarce date, 14 graded MS-62, 15 better	\$795

GOLD \$2-1/2 INDIAN HEAD TYPE, 1908-1929

1908	MS-62	4x	Better early date, premium quality	\$895
1910	MS-62	10x	Very few marks, excellent color	\$895
1911	MS-61	4x	Good color & strike, new dateless NCI cert.	\$375
1911-D	AU-50	10x	Prem. quality lustrous key, mintage-55,680	\$1350
1912	MS-60	10x	NGC certified, better early date	\$450
1912	MS-60	2x	Attract, scarcer, only 16 better	\$995
1913	MS-60	5x	Extr. lustrous, looks MS-62, nice eye appeal	\$450
1913	MS-63	14x	Very lustrous better date	\$1795
1914	MS-60	15x	Key to series, as scarce as 1911-D	\$595
1914-D	MS-62	12x	3rd scarcest \$2-1/2 Indian, lustrous	\$995
1925-D	AU-55	1x	Abundant luster, affordable D-mint	\$239
1925-D	MS-62	1x	Excellent luster, ideal type coin	\$695
1926	MS-60	1x	Very lustrous, very frosty surfaces	\$395
1928	MS-60	1x	Extremely lustrous for grade	\$395
1928	MS-62	2x	Excellent strike and luster (MS-61, \$595)	\$695
1929	MS-62	1x	Lovely frosty luster, nice for type	\$695

GOLD \$3 "INDIAN PRINCESS", 1854-1889

1857	XF-40	30x	Problem-free better date, luster remains, attr.	\$750
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GOLD \$5 LIBERTY (CORONET TYPE) NO MOTTO, 1839-1856

1840	XF-40	170x	Prem., Orig. luster, 1 better (VF-35, \$350)	\$425
1845	XF-40	150x	No motto, none unc., orig. luster	\$325
1854	XF-40	100x	Akers: "Very scarce!" No problems	\$350
1855	XF-45	200x	Akers: "Rare in AU", attractive borderline AU	\$350

GOLD \$5 LIBERTY (CORONET TYPE) WITH MOTTO, 1868-1908

1880	F-12		Uncertified, no problem, 1/4 oz. gold	\$129
1880-S	MS-62	12x	Better early date	\$975
1885	F-12	8x	Few mint marks for grade, well struck	\$350
1890-CC	MS-61	150x	Mintage \$53,800, 3 graded, Trends \$1050	\$895
1893	MS-62	30x	Better earlier date	\$975
1898	MS-60	1x	Nice luster, very attractive for grade, inexp.	\$289
1899	MS-60	1x	Inexpensive for grade	\$289

GOLD \$5 INDIAN, 1908-1929

1908	MS-62	7x	Excellent luster & color, slightly better date	\$1590
1908-S	AU-58	50x	RARE! Looks MS-63, wonderful eye appeal	\$1695
1909	MS-61	1x	Good luster & strike, nice for type	\$895
1909-O	XF-45	100x	Rare New Orleans mintmark, mintage 34,200	\$1895
1909-O	XF-40	100x	None unc., Strong O luster remains, looks AU	\$1250
1911-D	AU-50	70x	Rare New Orleans mintmark, strong O, attractive	\$795
1911-D	XF-45	60x	Key date, mint. 72,500, choice AU trends \$950	\$595
1912	XF-45	60x	One of series keys, mintage 72,500, very nice	\$595
1912-D	AU-53	200x	GGC, 1 unc. 16 \$585, brilliant	\$595
1913-S	AU-50	60x	One of series keys, Trends \$650, unc. \$3000	\$595
1914-S	AU-53	160x	Scarce, only 4 graded unc., choice AU	\$450

GOLD \$10 LIBERTY (CORONET TYPE) NO MOTTO, 1838-1866

1853	VF-30	400x	Perfect for type, no problems	\$325
1855	XF-40	400x	Akers: "Scarce in all grades." No problems	\$395

GOLD \$10 LIBERTY (CORONET TYPE) WITH MOTTO, 1866-1907

1879-O	AU-50	5000x	Extremely Rare! The finest Certified, Among top 6 known. Mintage only 1500. Some field marks, but lustrous.	\$5750
			Fully prooflike, Trends \$7250, ANACS Cache	\$440
1881	MS-61	90x	Better early date, no major marks, prem.	\$325
1882	MS-60	15x	Nice luster, inexpensive for type	\$295
1894	MS-62	2x	Inexpensive for grade, good value	\$295
1899	MS-60	4x	Good luster & strike, inexpensive	\$295
1901-S	MS-62	1x	Attractive, lustrous, MS-63 costs \$3000	\$875
1907	MS-60	3x	Last year of "Liberty" type, nice for grade	\$295

GOLD \$10 INDIAN HEAD TYPE, 1907-1933

1908	MS-63	75x	With motto, only 32 MS-63, attractive	\$2495
1910	MS-62	40x	Minimal marks, attractive for grade	\$375
1910-D	MS-62	22x	Better Date \$10 Indian, good value	\$795
1910-S	AU-58	200x	Scarce, only 9 unc. Looks MS-60	\$750
1912	MS-61	30x	Nice satiny luster, better date	\$650
1914-D	AU-53	70x	Scarce date, only 12 graded MS-61	\$795
1926	MS-62	3x	Rev. stain, very lustrous, MS-63 obverse	\$795
1932	MS-62	1x	Pop. \$10 Indian, perfect for type, (MS-61, \$595)	\$795

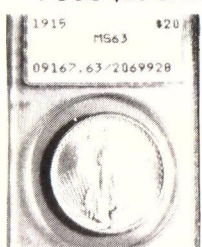
GOLD \$20 LIBERTY WITH MOTTO, TYPE II, 1866-1876

1851	AU-58	1400x	Virtually mark-free, looks much nicer	\$1595
1871-S	AU-55	4000x	Rare date, only 1 graded unc.	\$895
1873	MS-60	300x	Open 3, Scarce unc. type II, (premium, \$950)	\$850
1873-S	AU-55	2000x	Closed 3, very scarce, Trends \$1085	\$895
1873-S	AU-50	150x	Closed 3, very scarce, Trends \$1085	\$795
1875	MS-60	700x	Scarce date Type II, Nice for grade	\$975
1876	MS-60	460x	Type II, good luster, only 18 MS-60	\$850

Date	PCGS Grade	Rarity Factor*	Comments	Price
GOLD \$20 LIBERTY, TYPE III, 1877-1907				
1877	MS-60	1600x	1st year Type III, scarce, only 3 better	\$950
1880-S	AU-50	2000x	Rare date! Only 1 graded unc. Trends \$900	\$795
1882-S	AU-58	1200x	ANACS Cache, Rare date, only 7 better	\$1200
1884-CC	AU-55	1000x	Scarce CC-mint, ANACS Cache Mint, \$1,000	\$1085
1884-S	MS-60	850x	Scarce, better date, premium quality, 6 better	\$850
1889-S	AU-58	700x	Looks MS-60, scarce date, undervalued	\$625
1890-CC	AU-55	1500x	Scarce CC-mint, only 2 unc. Trends \$1200	\$1175
1890-S	AU-55	1100x	Scarce date "Trends" \$770 in AU-50	\$645
1891-S	MS-60	300x	Scarce unc. prem. luster, looks MS-61	\$675
1891-S	MS-61	400x	Superb luster & eye appeal, looks MS-63	\$775
1892-S	MS-60	300x	Lustrous, good strike, prem. qual.	\$665
1892-1/2-SMS	MS-60	1000x	Scarce 2/1 Overdate, Breen 7312	\$750
1893	MS-60	200x	Better date, none graded higher than MS-62	\$850
1893-CC	MS-60	1000x	but coin looks MS-62 with very few marks, great eye appeal	\$1875
1893-S	MS-61	500x	Prem. mark-free, only 9 MS-61	\$765
1894	MS-61	250x	Only 4 graded higher, (AU-58, \$549)	\$750
1894-S	MS-62	425x	Scarce, only 9 better, prem. (MS-60, \$649)	\$795
1895	MS-62	140x	Attractive, premium quality, only 24 better	\$795
1897-S	MS-60	60x	Full strike, decent luster, inexp.	\$595
1899-S	MS-61	180x	Prem. quality, very lustrous	\$695
1899-S	MS-62	30x	Scarce as MS-62, only 10 better	\$850
1901	MS-60	160x	Low mint. 111,000, only 22 better (prem. \$1795)	\$1695
1902	AU-55	1000x	Rare, low mintage-31,000, nice for grade	\$875
1903-S	MS-63	840x	Very underrated! Only 5 better, lustrous	\$1875
1904	MS-63	3x	Very few marks, attractive for type	\$1395
1906	MS-60	1700x	Rare! Low mintage-69,500, only 5 better	\$975
1906-D	MS-61	300x	Better date, Prem. quality, very few marks	\$685

*Ratio of the number graded at the indicated grade or better compared to the most common date in mint state as determined from the PCGS Population Report (\$25.00).

PCGS \$20 SAINT GAUDENS, 1907 - 1933



The Saint Gaudens \$20 gold piece is considered to be the most lovely coin design ever used for U.S. coins. Because of its beauty, it is the most popular gold coin and, next to Morgan Dollars, the most popular of all U.S. coins. The Saint Gaudens or 'Saint' comes in two types, a 'No Motto' for 1907 to 1908 and a 'With Motto' type from 1908 to 1933. The 1908 no motto and the 1924-1928 from the Philadelphia mint are the most common. Dates before 1923 are considered to be 'better dates' and coins 20-100 times scarcer than the 1924 are available for a modest premium of only 10-20%. Rare dates like the 1913-S only cost about twice as much and are, therefore, greatly undervalued.

Date	PCGS Grade	Rarity Factor*	Comments	Price
1908	MS-63	6x	Popular "No Motto" Saint Gaudens	\$595
1908	MS-63	4x	No motto, premium selected	\$650
1910	MS-62	150x	Lustrous/wexell. color, scarce P-mint	\$795
1910-D	MS-62	110x	Scarce underrated date	\$795
1910-S	MS-62	110x	Scarce, attractive prem., borderline MS-63	\$795
1911-D	MS-63	220x	Attractive early mint-marked 'Saint'	\$995
1913	MS-63	700x	Rare, mintage 34,000, NCI MS-63/63, lustrous	\$1895
1914	MS-63	42x	Lustrous, excell. value early 'Saint'	\$895
1916	MS-63	34x	Popular mintmarked "Saint", no marks	\$1095
1916	MS-62	50x	Popular Date, good luster & strike	\$695
1916	MS-65	220x	Scarce date, 'Saint' at a common date price	\$3595
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New World

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Trade voyages between Greenland, Iceland and Norway were constant in the 11th, 12th and 13th centuries. Who is to say that some direct descendant of Leif Ericsson who resembles him physically may not live today?

All depictions of the Norse discovery of America are imaginary, and there are pitifully few of these in numismatics. Neither Norway, Iceland nor Greenland has ever honored Leif Ericsson or his Norse contemporaries on an official coin, nor has any other nation—even Canada and the United States, where he made landfall.

The earliest medal we have located that mentions Ericsson is an 1889 award medal of the Norwegian Geo-



A profile of Columbus, known as Cristobal Colon in Latin America, graces the obverse of a 1984 El Salvador 1 colon.

graphic Society designed by Ivar Thronsen of the Kongsberg Mint. It names Eric the Red and Leif Ericsson. There is an allusion to Ericsson in the use of the date 1000 on the silver Norse-American medals authorized by the U.S. Congress in 1925.

It was 1966 before anyone placed a portrait of Ericsson on a medal. The Franklin Mint of Pennsylvania de-

voted one silver medal of its National Commemorative Society series to discovery, depicting Leif Ericsson and Christopher Columbus and the maps of their Atlantic crossings on opposite sides of the piece.

What Does the Future Hold?

THE PROFIT MOTIVE for coin-issuing nations in the upcoming 500th anniversary of Columbus' discovery will be tapped, we predict. We confidently expect Spain and Italy at long last to honor Columbus on coins, just as Portugal has already honored Cabral, and Norway will honor Leif Ericsson.

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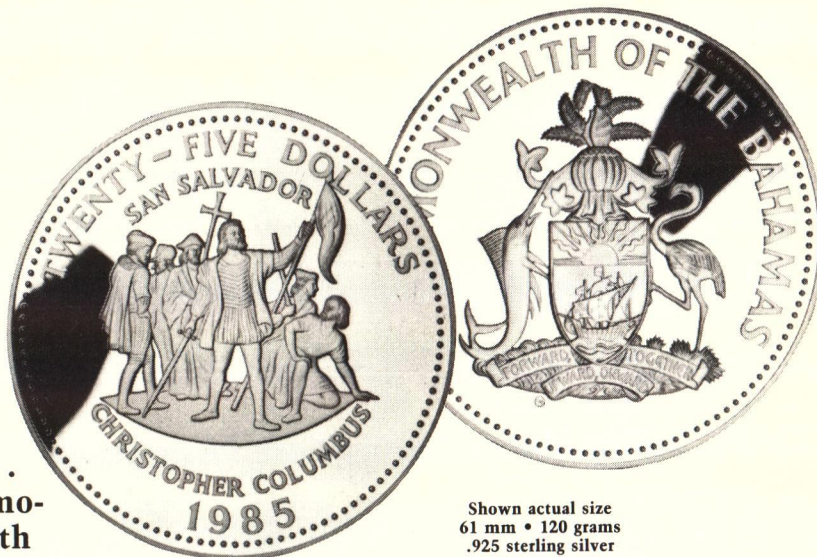
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numismatica of private origin should repeat the experience of plenty encountered at the 400th anniversary in Chicago.

The nations of the New World, especially the United States, will produce official coins and medals saluting Columbus. A group of nations have already struck coins honoring Columbus since 1892: the Bahamas, Cayman Islands, Colombia, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti, Italy, Jamaica, Turks and Caicos Islands, and the United States. This list should lengthen greatly before the end of the 20th century a few years hence.

Postscript

THE GOVERNMENT OF Spain will issue a series of commemorative coins honoring the quincentenary of the

discovery of America, according to a story by Jaime Alcocer appearing in the January 1989 issue of *El Eco Filatelico y Numismatico*, a Spanish-language magazine.

Alcocer writes that the project is in the hands of the Organizing Committee of the 5th Centenary, with its headquarters in Seville. This committee is able to decide whatever will be, but the coins must be one of the support pillars of the financing of the celebration events in the City of Guadalquivir in 1992.

This committee is planning an exquisite program for the event. One of its ideas is to reproduce the monetary system that was in use in the whole world in the 15th to 18th centuries. The Bank of Spain, the Ministry of Finance and the Organizing Committee must together approve

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An artist's sketch for a proposed 1992 Spanish gold coin commemorating the quincentenary of the discovery of America depicts a sea monster about to devour a ship full of men. The design probably was adapted from illustrations on 15th-century maps. Spain has not issued a gold coin since 1897.

the proposals.

A series of pieces on the discoverers of America may be included. Alcocer

feels that publicity about the discovery series should provide a brilliant revival of numismatics in Spain.

Reproduced with the article was an artist's sketch of a 25,000-peseta coin (face value equal to U.S.\$212.50), which could be a gold coin denomination. Spain has not issued a gold coin since 1897 (there were some official restrikes of the 1897 piece in 1961-62).



The three ships from Columbus' first voyage are shown on Italy's 500-lira coin, struck from 1958 to 1985.

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Vice president of Pobjoy Mint Limited (U.S.), Russell Rulau is best known for his standard references on American tokens and medals, among them *HARD TIMES TOKENS*, *EARLY AMERICAN TOKENS*, *MEDALLIC PORTRAITS OF WASHINGTON* and *U.S. TRADE TOKENS, 1866-1889*. He also has written books in the fields of foreign coins and paper money and has authored several thousand articles and news stories about all phases of numismatics since his first article was published in 1958.

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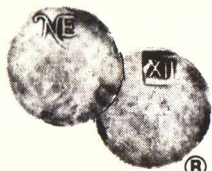
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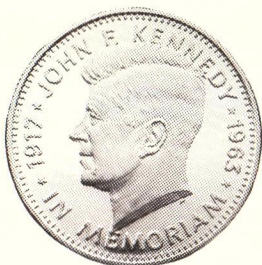
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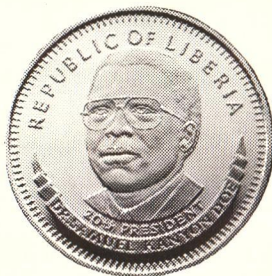
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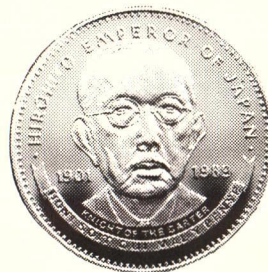
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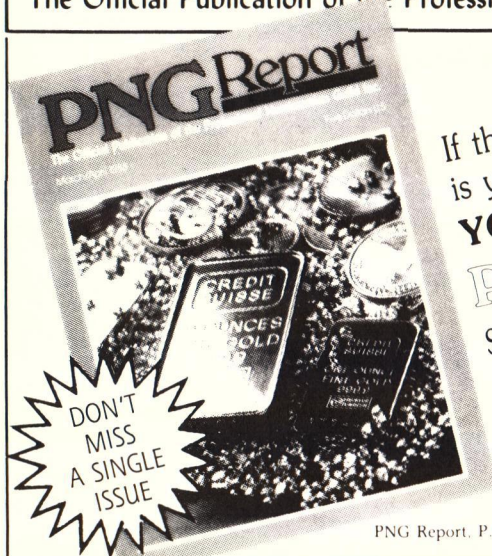
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takes the pulse of the marketplace and talks about the buys, the sells and the trades that all collectors and investors are interested in.



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Ron and Dennis Gillio's Hong Kong show was an outstanding success... the first show outside the U.S. to be sanctioned by the ANA... ANA Exec Bob Leuver and Prez Ken Hallenbeck attended... In charge during Leuver's absence: Controller Aimee Tihonovich...

Reported sale: the Humbert \$20 pioneer gold piece, 1852/1 in MS-65 for \$1.35 million, the first million-dollar U.S. gold coin sold by private treaty... Mark Yaffe and John Highfill announced the May 19 sale in September...

Superior's Jasha Heifetz collection offering Oct. 1-4 is a blockbuster which Lawrence Goldberg predicts will shatter all records for any single auction sale. Catalog details: 1-800-421-0754...

Royal Hawaiian Mint has reached agreement with Deak to distribute Hawaiian gold... Jim Ferrell has joined the Philadelphia Mint as a new engraver... Elizabeth Jones, chief engraver, will speak at the ANS Coinage of the Americas Conference in early November, as will U.S. Rep. Jimmy Hayes (D-La.), each under the general conference topic "Gold Coinage"...

Luis Vigdor retires from MTB Banking Sept. 29 after a 32-year career... He will continue to serve on the MTB board and will be a private consultant... New treasurer at MTB: Darren Schulman... Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Francis Besseney, MTB president, was in a horseback riding accident in Montana...

Blanchard & Co. has entered into a joint venture agreement with the American Rare Coin Fund Limited Partnership to act as its marketing arm... Kidder, Peabody operates the fund that is managed by Hugh Sconyers...

Home front news: Scott Harry Ganz, a month past 7, starts second grade, while Elyse Toby, at 4½, is in pre-K... Dad gets 'em up for the joint bus ride at 6:15 a.m... Pam starts nursery school... Nicki bikes to Ridgewood... Sharon's den is redone...

Home front: Mike and Aimee get ready to move to Garden of the Gods, or nearby... British Royal Mint now issues a *Dealer Newsletter*. Details: 800-822-BRIT... Paramount International has available some of only 100 gold proof coins minted from the Bahamas, the 1987 and 1988 \$2500 coin weighing one troy pound. Details: 407-841-0134...

BEP offers discounts on souvenir card purchases in quantities of 10 or more... ANA plans a *Resource Directory* including a veritable *Who's Who* of numismatics... ANA guy Jim Halperin proposes a multi-million dollar numismatic "tour" of rare coins around the country to popularize the hobby...

Surprise ANA Medal of Merit winner: PNG Exec Paul Koppenhaver, given his award at the annual PNG banquet... Farran Zerbe Award winner Harry X Boosel is the only person to serve as convention general chairman twice, in 1937 (Washington) and 1966 (Chicago)...

Coming soon from the Dutch Mint: a gold double ducat. Information: 800-421-1866... At Long Beach next month: add a baseball card section... British Royal Mint has issued a medal honoring the 800th anniversary of the office of Mayor of London in silver or bronze... ANS is looking for a person with experience in computer software and diagnostics for computer systems operator...

Latest addition to the ANA world-class museum by world-class collectors: 17th-century Swedish copper plate money, weighing 31½ pounds, from Omaha benefactors Aubrey and Adeline Bebee... The 1659 eight-daler piece from Avesta Mint is a major addition, the latest in a series from the Bebees...

Midwinter convention of the ANA: San Diego, March 2-4, 1990... RIP: William F. Swagler, jovial Baltimore numismatist, Aug. 20, at age 67...

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A rare coin recently donated by Museum benefactors Aubrey and Adeline Bebee is also among the most valuable, historically interesting and beautiful pieces in the entire ANA collection. This is a spectacular Kellogg & Co. 1854 gold \$20 piece. The Kellogg issues were among the last of the private California gold coinages (excluding the later, small denomination "souvenir" pieces). They were also among the most important financially.

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A Kellogg & Co. 1854 gold \$20 piece, ANA Museum accession number 1989.89.1, recently was donated by Aubrey and Adeline Bebee.

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The ANA specimen of Kellogg's coinage, formerly in the personal collection of Adeline Bebee, and previously in that of Dr. J. Hewitt Judd, is a choice uncirculated example of Kagin 1b, with KELLOGG & CO centered on Miss Liberty's coronet, small lettering, thin date, short arrows in the eagle's left talon on the reverse, and a reeded edge. It weighs 33.42g and has a diameter of 34.6mm. The surfaces reveal a splendid, satiny, "cartwheel" luster.

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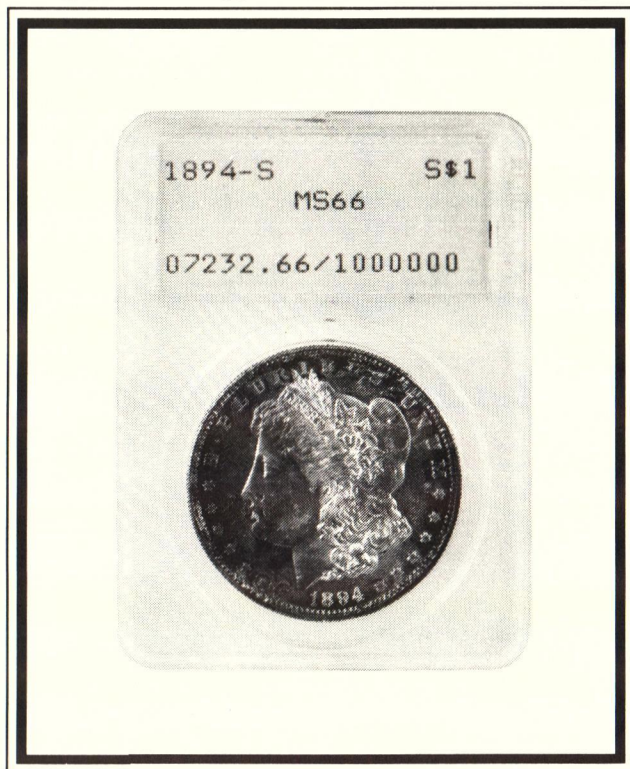
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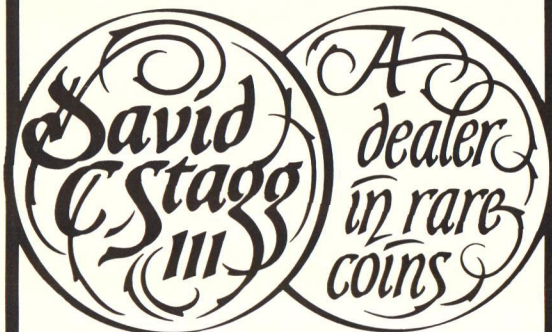


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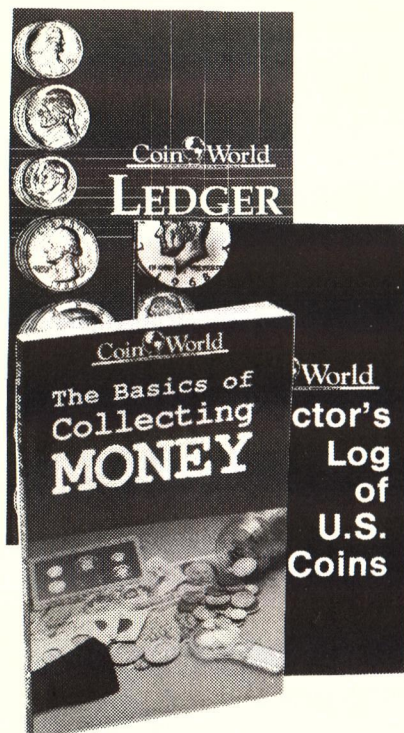
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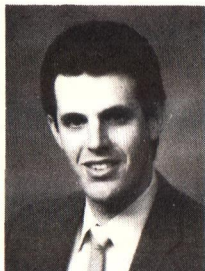
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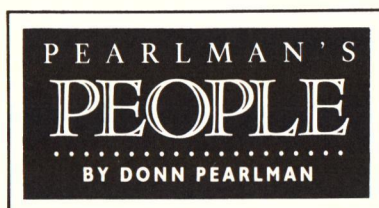
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The most fascinating part of Jacobson's newspaper clipping was on the *other* side of the page bearing the trade dollar ad. It was the comics section, and someone already had completed the difficult crossword puzzle—in ink—with virtually no mistakes.

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CROOKS ARE DUMB: Baltimore police had little trouble locating Randolph Culver Jr., 35, a suspect in an attempted bank robbery. He left his driver's license at the scene of the crime. Investigators say Culver handed a teller a note, demanding, "Give me your 50s and 100s and don't pull any alarms." But then he nervously fled the bank without taking any money—mistakenly leaving his own wallet on the teller's counter.

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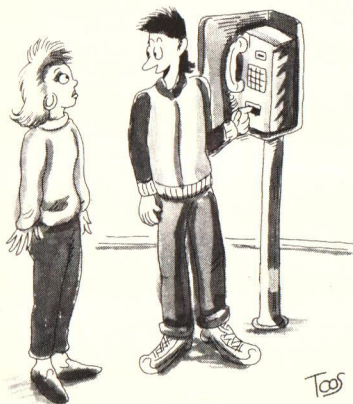
The A.P. reports that occasionally when Gasparro gets a penny in change he'll tell the cashier about his Lincoln Memorial design on the reverse. "They think I'm goofy. I'll say, 'I designed it. You can see my initials if you've got good eyesight.'"

He also revealed that Mint officials instructed him to significantly change his original 1959 design. He partially complied, removing the words LINCOLN MEMORIAL from below the building and removing the 13 stars he envisioned around the field's outer edges. But Gasparro refused to make two other demanded changes. The Mint had wanted him to remove his initials and the tiny statue of Lincoln barely visible between the Memorial's columns. Gasparro says if he had removed President Lincoln, the Memorial would have looked "like a library."

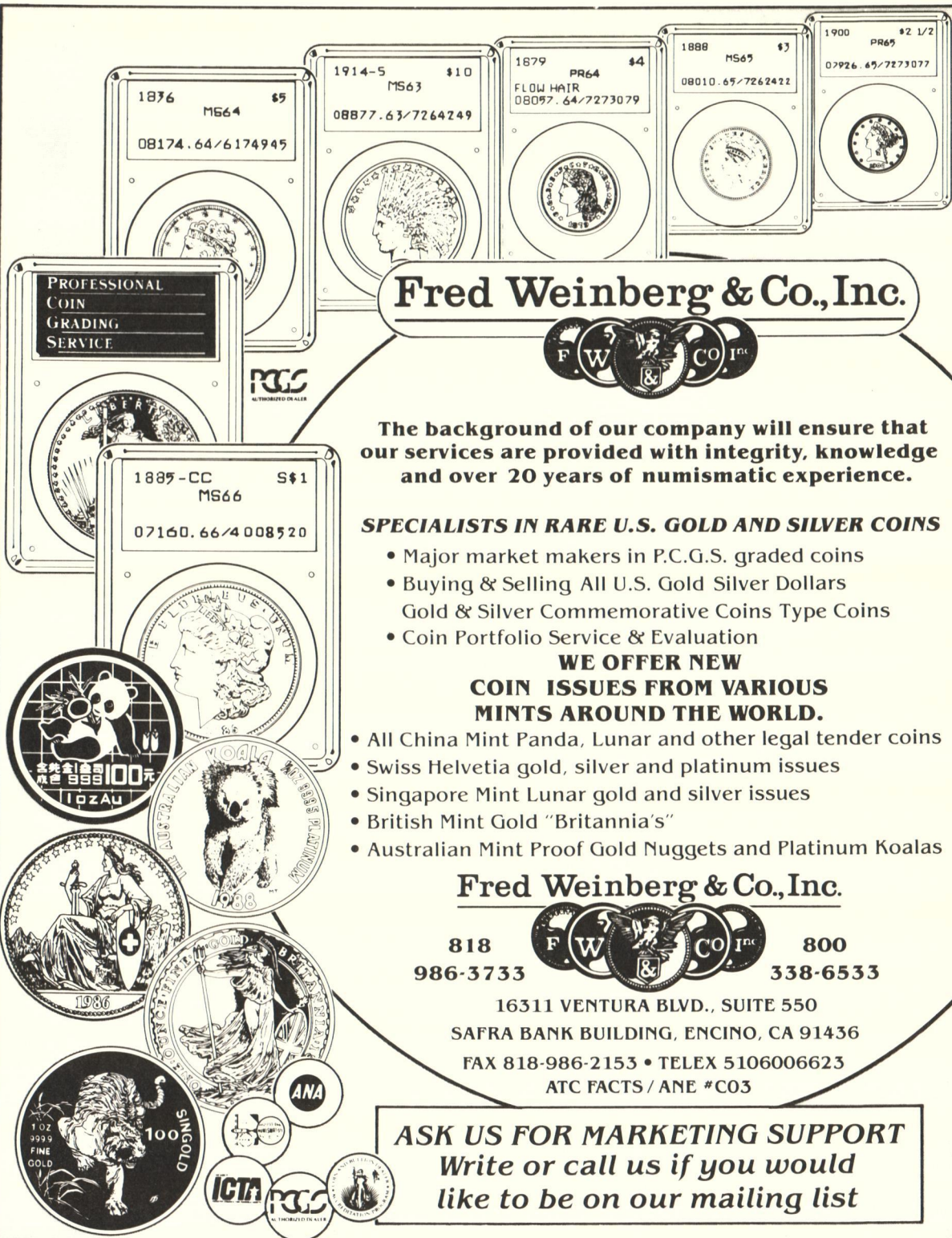
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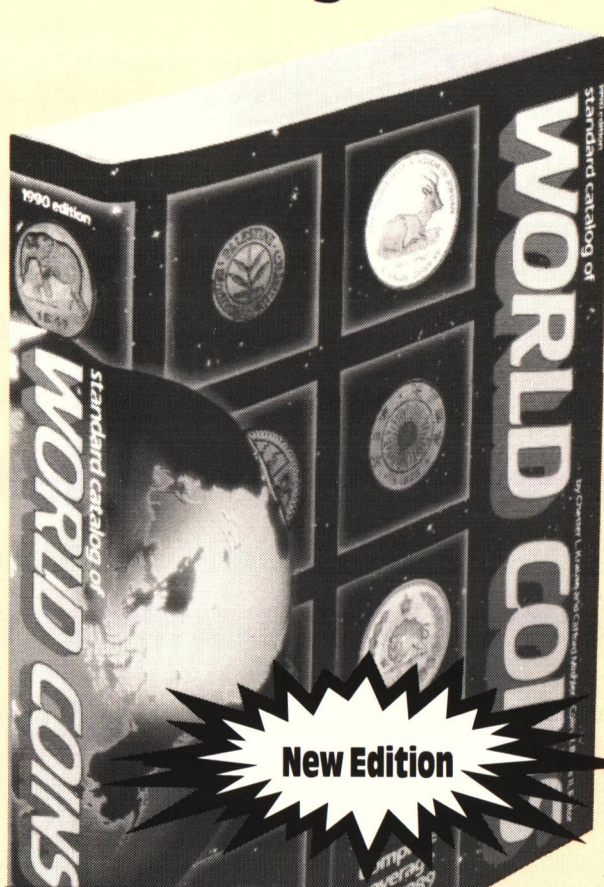
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